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Rip off the pitch-black SOUL

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WHERE...
AM I...?

.....

IT'S DARK...
I CAN'T EVEN SEE MY HAND IN FRONT OF MY FACE...

I HURT ALL OVER...

CHAPTER 6: HOLY SWORD

HELP...

WHERE SHOULD I GO...

WHICH WAY IS UP, AND WHICH WAY IS DOWN...?

LIGHT ...!?

AN EXIT!?

NO... STOP ...!

A VOICE!? MAKA!! IT'S MAKA'S VOICE!!

HOLD ON! I'M COMING!

SOUL!!

MEKI (CRACK)

MEKI

MIKI (CREAK)

NOOOOOOO!!

!!

MAKA!!

WAUGH!

SOUL!!

AAAH!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?

MEDUSA-SENSEI!! IT'S SOUL...

HUFF
I'M FINE ...
HUFF
HUFF
SOUL ...
KUI (TUG)
KUI
KATA (TREMBLE)
KATA
KATA
!!
GYU (SQUEEZE)
I JUST HAD A BAD DREAM, THAT'S ALL.
I'M FINE!
PHEW!
BUT IF ANYTHING DOES HAPPEN, CALL ME RIGHT AWAY, OKAY? ♪
THAT'S GOOD.
SOME OF RAGNAROK'S BLACK BLOOD GOT MIXED IN WITH SOUL EATER'S BLOOD. THAT SHOULD MAKE HIM AN INTERESTING RESEARCH SUBJECT...

NO... THAT'S ALL RIGHT ...

IF I DRINK SOMETHING, IT'LL MAKE ME PEE, AND I HATE PEEING INTO A URINE BOTTLE.

...I GUESS I'LL BE GOING NOW.

OH... YOU MUST BE THIRSTY. DO YOU WANT ME TO GO BUY YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK BEFORE I GO HOME?

WELL ...

-CAW-

-CAW-

NO, NOT REALLY...

UMM ...

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO BRING? A CHANGE OF CLOTHES OR SOMETHING?

OH, OKAY ...

...I GOT MY OWN SELF INTO THIS MESS, SO DON'T GO BLAMING YOURSELF!

HEY, LISTEN ...

.....

OKAY ...

.....

TOBO (TRUDGE)

TOBO

.....

SORRY...

I MADE HER EVEN MORE DEPRESSED ...

CRAP... IT BACK-FIRED...

GIII (CREEEAK)

I'M SO STUPID...I SHOULDN'T WORRY SOUL LIKE THAT...

.....

BATAN (SHUT)

KA (CLACK)

!?

WANT TO GO UP ON THE ROOF? THE SUNSET IS BEAUTIFUL! ♪

DAD ...!?

...WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

SO...

HUH!?

NO WAY!! THAT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS!!

CLEAN! STRAIGHTEN UP THE LIBRARY!!

SID 23

BLACK★STAR... YOU'RE ONE OF THE STRONGEST IN THE CLASS, BUT AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL KEEP GETTING ZEROS FOREVER... DON'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR TSUBAKI? SHE TRIES SO HARD...

CAN'T I DO SOMETHING ELSE? LIKE FIGHTING WITH DOCTOR STEIN LIKE BEFORE...

BUT I HATE LAME REMEDIAL LESSONS LIKE THIS! CLEANING!? UGH!! IT DOESN'T GET ME ANY ATTENTION AT ALL... YOU DO IT YOURSELF.

THAT'S WHY I DO REMEDIAL LESSONS, RIGHT? I'M ALWAYS DOING THEM, SO I KNOW HOW IT GOES...

YOU...DIDN'T EVEN GET ONE SOUL ON YOUR MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT, DID YOU!?

SHOULDER: DEATH

...

IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED ABOUT IT, YOU COULD HELP, YOU KNOW!!

I'LL BE COMING BACK LATER TO CHECK YOUR WORK, SO YOU'D BETTER DO A GOOD JOB!!

SID 23

WHAT YOU NEED IS PUNISHMENT!! DOING SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO WILL TEACH YOU A LESSON!!

TCH ...

WHERE DO I EVEN START ...?

TEN MINUTES LATER ...
HYA-HA-HA-HA-HA! ☆ CHARISMA JUSTICE ROCKS! ♪
HE'S THE SECOND BIGGEST BIG SHOT THERE IS—AFTER ME, OF COURSE!!
I NEVER KNEW THE LIBRARY HAD MANGA!! I'M GONNA SKIP CLASS TOMORROW AND COME BACK HERE! ☆
HEY, YOU! PLEASE BE QUIET IN THE LIBRARY!!
OH! SOR—
!!
KID!?
WHAT, YOU'RE BEING PUNISHED TOO?
HUH?
I CAME TO BORROW A BOOK. I WANTED TO LOOK AT A CERTAIN SPLENDID WORK OF ART.
IT'S THAT BOOK YOU'RE SITTING ON. DO YOU MIND?
OH...
THIS ONE?
PON (PAT)

EXCALIBUR

FORGET IT, I CAN'T READ IT... READ IT FOR ME!!

EX... EXCA... EX...

WHAT BOOK IS IT?

YEP! ♪

WHAT'S THAT?

"EXCAL-IBUR."

IT'S A LEGENDARY BLADE THEY CALL THE "HOLY SWORD."

I'VE HEARD THAT SOMEONE WHO CARRIED EXCALIBUR IN THE PAST WAS EVEN MADE KING.

I THINK IT WAS KING ARTHUR.

THE ONE WHO DRAWS THE SWORD OUT OF THE GROUND WILL BE PRAISED AS A HERO FOR ALL ETERNITY.

ZUI (ZWD)

AHH, EXCAL-IBUR, HUH?

PAAAA (GLEEEAM)

"Hero"!! "King"!! Sounds perfect for me!!

Splen-did!

A sword like that must have beautiful symmetry. ♪

THE HOLY SWORD, EXCAL-IBUR...

...EVEN I COULDN'T TAKE IT...

WHAT? YOU'RE BEING PUNISHED TOO, DOCTOR STEIN?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?

?

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOLY SWORD?

WHAT!? YOU TRIED TO DRAW IT?

I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT EVEN YOU COULDN'T DRAW IT...

.....

=GULP=

...SOUNDS REALLY INTEREST-ING!

THE HOLY SWORD, EXCALIBUR ...

LOOK, MAKA!

LOOK AT HOW STUPID THE SUN LOOKS, TRYING SO HARD TO KEEP FROM FALLING ASLEEP.

=CAW=

=CAW=

GAH ...

=GRIN= =GRIN= ♪

YEAH ...

PERA (FLIP)

PERA

AHHH... MAKA'S SO BORED WITH ME, SHE TOOK OUT A BOOK TO READ... I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING FAST... SOMETHING WITTY... THINK FAST... THINK FAST... THINK FAST...

NOT GOOD!! THIS IS SO NOT GOOD!! I FINALLY GET A CHANCE TO HAVE A QUIET CHAT WITH MAKA, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO TALK ABOUT...

=GRIN= =GRIN= ♪

HEY.
YOU SHOULD ONLY READ SOMEWHERE WITH GOOD LIGHT.
BOSO (WHISPER)
JIII (STARE)
NO WAAAY...
I ENDED UP LECTURING HER!!
PATAN (SLAM)
HEY... DAD...
HMM!?
I LOVE HER, OF COURSE!
I CAN'T HESITATE!!
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MOM?
THEN WHY DID YOU CHEAT ON HER ALL THE TIME?

HANG IN THERE!! FATHERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE ON YOUR SIDE!!

CRAP!! I HESITATED TOO LONG!! NOW NO MATTER WHAT I SAY NEXT, IT WON'T SOUND PERSUASIVE AT ALL...

DON'T RUN AWAY!! FACE YOUR DAUGHTER!! DON'T RUN AWAY!! DON'T RUN AWAY!!

.....

I COULDN'T RUN AWAY!

WHY? WE JUST GOT HERE.

IT'S GOTTEN KIND OF COLD. WHY DON'T WE GO BACK?

(POINT)

...I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S TRUE...!!

MAKA-CHAN... DADDY LOVES YOU AND MOMMY MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WHOLE WORLD... IT'S TRUE... IT'S TRUE...

SHE REALLY PUTS ON THE PRESSURE, JUST LIKE HER MOM...

WELL, MORE ACCURATELY, AT THE TOP OF THIS CLIFF, THERE'S A CAVE... IT LOOKS LIKE THE SWORD IS IN THERE...

YEP.

SO, THE HOLY SWORD IS UP THERE?

SHUBA (SHWOOP)

OH?

KA (CLACK)

HEY! THAT'S PLAYING DIRTY!

GO ゴ" GO (ROAR) GO ゴ"

NORTHERN PART OF BRITAIN ISLAND...

DO (RUMBLE) DO DO DO DO DO DO DO

HYA-HAH! ☆

THIS IS IT...

ZUCHA (SPLAT)
ズチャ

WHERE'D THAT KID BASTARD GO!?

HAH !!!

YAAAAAH !!

GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA (GRIP)

SPOILED RICH BRATS HAVE SOME COOL STUFF.

DAMMIT!

I'M NOT GONNA LOSE!

FAIRY PARADISE "ETERNAL CAVERN"

IN HERE?

BLACK ★ STAR ...

CARRY ME ON YOUR BACK.

THE GROUND'S MUDDY. I CAN'T GET DOWN...MY SHOES WILL GET ALL DIRTY...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING...?

YEAH, RIGHT. HANG THERE UNTIL YOU DIE.

TEKU (TROMP) テケ テケ TEKU

I NEVER EXPECTED AN OBSTACLE LIKE THIS...OH, HOW HARSH THE PATH TO THE HOLY SWORD IS!!

THIS IS AN OBSTACLE TO OVER-COME!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE WATER DRIPPING FROM ABOVE!! YOU HANDLE THE MUD!! WE'RE BEING ASSAULTED FROM BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW...THERE'S NO WAY ONE PERSON COULD PASS THROUGH THIS ALONE!!

YOU ARE SERIOUSLY USELESS...

YOU ARE SO USELESS ...

グチャッ

GUCHA (SPLOOCH)

ポタ POTA

POTA (DRIP) ポタ

PATA

PATA

OH?

!?

HM!?

PATA

PATA

PATA (FLUTTER)

PATA

PATA

.....

PATA

IS THIS THE WAY TO EXCALI-BUR?

OOH! IT'S A FAIRY!

SHE'S TINY!

PATA

PATA

WHAT WAS THAT CREEPY LOOK FOR?

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YEAH.

LOOKS LIKE A DEAD END.

IT'S THE HOLY SWORD, EXCAL-IBUR!

HEY ... IS THAT IT?

YEP ... NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

THE AIR IS TREMBLING ...

OOOOOOOO (WHOOOOOOOO)

W-WHOA ...

IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT THIS BOOK SAYS IS TRUE— THE ONE WHO CARRIES THE HOLY SWORD IS DUBBED A HERO AND GIVEN ETERNAL GLORY.

I...

...I WANT IT!!

AND LOOK...

THE INTRICATELY ENGRAVED EMBELLISHMENTS... NOT A SINGLE SCRATCH ON THE BLADE...BEAUTIFUL!! IT CERTAINLY FITS THE NAME "HOLY SWORD"!!

ONLY THE CHOSEN HERO CAN DRAW IT FROM THE GROUND...

WHAT!!?

ZUGAAAN (SHOOOCK)

ズガーン

YAAAY! I'M A HERO!!

BUN

BUN (SWING)

LET ME DO IT NEXT.

FINE! ☆ I'LL STILL BE ABLE TO PULL IT OUT!!

ドキ ドキ

DOKI (BADUM) DOKI

THE HOLY SWORD CHOSE ME!! BECAUSE I'M SUCH A BIG SHOT!!

YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DRAW IT!

YOU'RE SAYING THAT DIDN'T COUNT?

HUH!? WHAT'S WITH YOU?

CAN YOU TRY IT AGAIN?

IMPOSSIBLE...!! THERE HAS TO BE SOME MISTAKE!! YOU'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO BEING A HERO!!

UUUGH ..

TCH!!

SAKU (STAB)

HUH!?

I DREW IT.

WHAT'S WITH THAT!? I MUST'VE MADE THE HOLE A LITTLE BIGGER!!

JUST HURRY UP AND TRY IT!!

KYU (SQUEAK) キュ KYU キュ

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT'VE TOUCHED THIS BEFORE.

ドン DAN

ドン DAN (STOMP)

THE HOLY SWORD IS.

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF... I AM EXCALIBUR!

HOW GOOD OF YOU TO COME, YOUNG ONES!!

?

?

KA (FLASH)

W-WOW ...

LAME! ♪

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JUUUMP!!

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TEKU

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TEKU

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TEKU (STEP)

...WHAT'S THE REASON DOCTOR STEIN MENTIONED ABOUT WHY DWMA WAS BUILT?

WHAT'S THIS "RAGNAROK" THAT'S THE SEED OF A KISHIN?

HEY ...

DAD ...

ZUUUN (GLOOM)

ず～ん

TELL ME, DAD!! TELL ME ABOUT THE THING THAT HURT SOUL!!

...

MAKA, DO YOU KNOW WHICH KIND OF SOULS MAKE YOU STRONGER WHEN YOU COLLECT THEM? THE SOULS OF EVIL PEOPLE OR THE SOULS OF GOOD PEOPLE?

THE SOULS OF GOOD PEOPLE, RIGHT?

YEAH.

BUT YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE THOSE...

RIGHT... THE ONES ON SHINIGAMI-SAMA'S LIST ARE ALL EVIL.

COLLECTING SOULS IS A BATTLE WITH EVIL PEOPLE... A FIGHT THAT IS A CONSTANT BRUSH WITH DEATH.

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO ...

...EVEN BEFORE DWMA WAS BUILT, MEISTERS AND WEAPONS COLLECTED SOULS UNDER SHINIGAMI-SAMA'S INSTRUCTIONS, JUST LIKE NOW.

LONG LONG TIME AGO . . .

THEY KEPT ONE RULE: "YOU MUST NOT TAKE THE SOUL OF ANYONE WHO IS NOT ON SHINIGAMI-SAMA'S LIST."

THEN, DURING A BATTLE, ONE MEISTER WAS SO TERRIFIED OF DEATH THAT HE TOOK THE SOUL OF A GOOD PERSON. HE THOUGHT THAT IF HE JUST HAD "POWER," HE COULDN'T LOSE.

THAT MEISTER SECRETLY MADE HIS WEAPON EAT THE SOULS OF PEOPLE NOT ON THE LIST.

AND THUS A "KISHIN" WAS BORN.

...SO THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER KISHIN.

"DEATH WEAPON MEISTER ACADEMY" IS A PLACE WHERE MEISTERS AND WEAPONS ARE SUPERVISED AND EDUCATED FROM THE TIME THEY'RE YOUNG...

AND THE DEMON SWORD ISN'T THE ONLY ONE... THERE ARE OTHERS WHO COULD BECOME KISHIN TOO...

...

IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, IT WILL TURN INTO A KISHIN...

YEAH ...

SO THEN, THAT RAGNAROK GUY WILL...

INCLUDING SOUL...

SUKKIRI (SPARKLING)

すっきり

HE CAN DO IT IF HE REALLY TRIES!!

OOH! ♪

SID 23

LET'S SEE ...

...I WONDER IF BLACK ☆ STAR IS DOING WHAT I TOLD HIM?

OH! ♪ SID-SENSEI!

THIS IS THE LAST BOOK! ♪

TSUBAKI!!?

HA (GASP)

キキ♪ UKI

キキ♪ UKI (HAPPY)

OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT! I LIKE TO CLEAN! ♪

THAT LITTLE PIECE OF SHIT!! HE SHOVED ALL THE WORK ON TSUBAKI AND RAN OFF SOME-WHERE!!!

SHIRT: SHIRO

HOLY SWORD ...?

IS SOME-THING WRONG?

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR BLACK STAR, HE WENT WITH KID TO GET THE HOLY SWORD.

YOU MEAN "THAT" HOLY SWORD?

ZOMBIES

YES.

EXCAL-IBUR...

THE LEGENDARY SWORD...

THE SWORD THAT PIERCES THE SKY AND HOISTS THE GROUND ...

YEAH, I THINK I'LL STOP NOW.

?

WELL, I HAVE SOME TESTS TO GRADE.

STOP TRYING TO THINK.

.....

ME?

ME? I'M BLACK ☆ ST—

BI (JAB)

THEN I WILL ASK YOU: WHO ARE YOU!?

MY LEGEND GOES BACK TO THE TWELFTH CEN-TURY!!

HMM?

...

YOU'RE THE HOLY SWORD? SUPER LAME.

PUI (FWIP)

DON'T ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA LISTEN TO THE ANSWERS!

THERE'S SOME-THING I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU.

OH, YES!

WE CAME FROM DWMA —

STOP POINTING YOUR CANE AT ME. IT'S TICKING ME OFF...

FROM THE LOOKS OF YOU, YOU'RE MEISTERS, RIGHT? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

BI (JAB)

DON'T POINT YOUR CANE AT ME!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR MY HEROIC LEGEND?

BI

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW US?

IF HE'S GOING TO WEAR CLOTHES, HE SHOULD WEAR PANTS TOO.

WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY..?

PAN (SLAP)

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

LIKE WE SAID, WE'RE FROM DWMA!!

GET YOUR CANE OUT OF MY FACE, ASS-HOLE!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR MY HEROIC LEGEND?

MY LEGEND GOES BACK TO THE TWELFTH CENTURY.

FOOLS!! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO CHOOSE!!

ONE, OF COURSE! I'VE GOTTA BE NUMBER ONE!!

BI ビッ

EIGHT!! EIGHT!

PICK A NUMBER FROM ONE TO TWELVE.

BI ビッ

HUH? FROM ONE TO TWELVE?

STUPID BOOK, IT'S NOT RIGHT AT ALL!! WHO WROTE THIS THING?

WHAT KIND OF HOLY SWORD IS THIS, ANYWAY !!?

PU! ぷぃ

YOU TOLD US TO PICK A NUM-BER!!

NO AUTOGRAPHS.

BI ヒッ

YOU !!!?

EXC

AUTHOR: EXCAL-IBUR...

YOU SEE...

WELL ...

WHAT KIND OF WEAPON IS THE HOLY SWORD?

DOCTOR STEIN...

IT'S THE STRONGEST WEAPON IN THE WORLD.

AND EVERY SWING OF THE SWORD SLICES THROUGH THE AIR!!

THE ONE WHO CARRIES IT GROWS WINGS OF LIGHT AND GAINS THE ABILITY TO TELEPORT INSTANTLY.

WELL, NO, NOT REALLY...

BUT...IT WILL ONLY MATCH ITS SOUL WAVELENGTH WITH THE CHOSEN HERO, RIGHT?

IT WILL MATCH SOUL WAVE-LENGTHS WITH ANYONE AND EVERY-ONE.

...

...

PAAAAA (SHIIINE)

NOW THEN!

IT'S DOUBLE-SIDED...

I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO ATTEND MY 452ND "FIVE-HOUR RECITATION."

LOOK THEM OVER CARE-FULLY.

AS MY MEISTERS... HERE ARE THE 1,000 RULES YOU MUST KEEP. I'VE WRITTEN THEM DOWN ON PAPER.

...GLORY!

VICTORY AND...

OOOOOOO (WHOOOOOOO)

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN. NOW, TAKE IT!!

Glory!

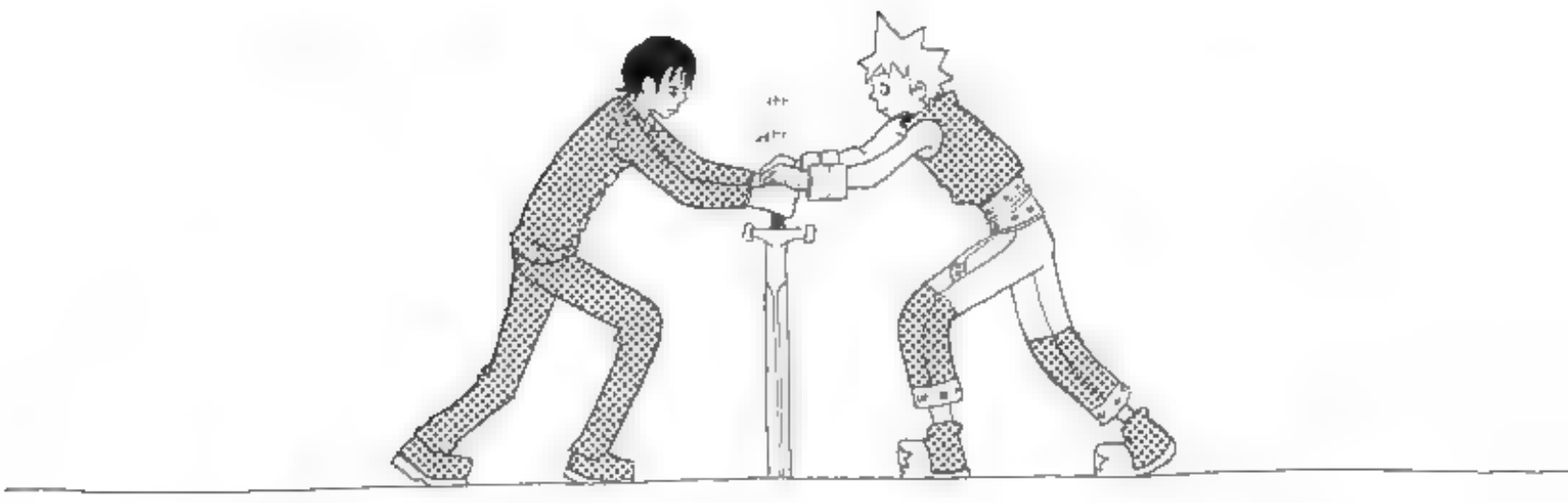
Vic-tory!

KAAAAA (FLAAASH)

TOGETHER!!

NOW, LET'S GO!!

SAKU (STAB)



YOU DISGUST ME!!

IDIOT!! WHO WOULD EVER WANT YOU?

...NO ONE IS THE RIGHT MATCH FOR EXCALIBUR *PERSONALITY*-WISE.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEIR SOUL WAVELENGTHS MIGHT MATCH...

I'M DIS-GUSTED!!
SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO BE A HERO TO PUT UP WITH HIM.
BUT I STILL WOULD LIKE YOU TO ATTEND MY RECITATION.
WAIT! HOLD ON!! OKAY, I KNOW!! I'LL CUT THE 1,000 RULES DOWN TO 800.

DID YOU MEET EXCALIBUR?

OH?

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY DID...

...

PUNSUKA (FUME)
ふんすか

?

.....

?

DING DONG! ♪ DEAD DONG! ♪

THE NEXT DAY ...

MORN-ING ..

MORN-ING... ♪

HEY ...

.....

.....

HEY!! YOU'RE ALL HERE!!

BLACK ★ STAR, KID, I HEARD YOU TWO HAD A PRETTY TOUGH TIME!

TA H (TAP)

!?

GYU (GRIP)

YEP!

WE HAVE GOOD PARTNERS, DON'T WE?

?

?

HE-HE!
HE-HE
HE-HE!
KON (KNOCK) コン
SOUL!!
HEY, BLACK ☆ STAR... I HAVE A FUNNY FEELING PEOPLE ARE LAUGHING AT US.
HUH?
YEAH!! THANKS!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT NOW? IT'S NOT VERY EXCITING WITHOUT YOU AROUND.
PFFT!
HE-HE!
.....
THOSE TWO?
HE-HE!
THEY DID IT?
YEAH, YEAH.
?
?
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, MAKA?
COME IN THE CLASS-ROOM, QUICK!!
HEY, BLACK ☆ STAR! KID-KUN!!
KUI (WAVE) ヵ1
ヵ1 KUI

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS ...

I'll be always waiting for

I'LL BE ALWAYS WAITING FOR YOU.
– EXCALIBUR

STAR ☆ BLACK

KID THE DEATH

I'M SO DISGUSTED.

THAT ANNOYING LITTLE...

UGH... TACKY...

WHOA.. WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS...

SOUL EATER

...AT THIS RATE, HE COULD BECOME A KISHIN TOO.

THE UNCANNY SWORD MASA-MUNE...

...ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

...YES, SIR!!

IT WILL BE A HARD FIGHT...

AS THE UNCANNY SWORD MASAMUNE'S YOUNGER SISTER, I WILL STOP HIM!!

HE SAID, "I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIS SOUL" ...

WHAT ABOUT BLACK ☆ STAR?

YOU HAVE A GOOD PARTNER. ♪

I SEE.

YES, I DO! ♪

CHAPTER 7: UNCANNY SWORD (PART 1)

SOUL EATER

SO YOU LET...

...BLACK ☆ STAR AND TSUBAKI GO...?

THEY WILL BE UP AGAINST THE UNCANNY SWORD ...

...THE SEED OF A KISHIN!

IT WILL BE NOTHING LIKE WHEN THEY FOUGHT ME FOR THEIR EXTRA LESSON...

I AM THE ONE WHO SHOULD FIGHT AN OPPONENT LIKE THE UNCANNY SWORD.

YOU'RE RIGHT ...

... BUT ...

...MASAMUNE IS MORE THAN JUST AN ENEMY OF DWMA. HE IS TSUBAKI-CHAN'S OLDER BROTHER.

THIS IS TSUBAKI'S RESPON-SIBILITY.

SHE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON TO DECIDE SOMETHING ON IMPULSE ...

EAST ASIA, NEEDLE VILLAGE

...SHE IS EVEN PREPARED TO RISK HER LIFE!!

BEBEN (DADUM)

ベベン

...DON'T BREAK IT...

BEN (DUM)

ベン

HYAHAH!

?

THE VILLAGERS HERE HAVE GOOD SOULS.

ANYWAY, WHY IS THE UNCANNY SWORD AFTER THIS PUNY LITTLE VILLAGE?

A BIG STAR LIKE ME HAS COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO THE STICKS! YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL!

SFX: HASSURU (HUSTLE) HASSURU

SEE, LOOK!! THIS GUY'S THE UNCANNY SWORD!

HEY, I'M STILL JUST AS ACTIVE AS I EVER WAS!!

MY BIG BROTHER ISN'T THAT OLD!

NOW YOU'RE ATTACKING AN OLD MAN!? YOU PEOPLE FROM THE CITY ARE SCARY!!

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, OLD MAN!? ARE YOU THE UNCANNY SWORD!?

HMM?

HEY! KID! DON'T CLIMB ON THE VILLAGE'S GUARDIAN GOD! YOU'LL BE PUNISHED!!

THIS BOY IS YOUNGER THAN ME! HOW COULD HE BE MY OLDER BROTHER?

ARE YOU THE UNCANNY SWORD!?

WHAT'S GOING ON? THE OLD GUY HAS VISITORS?

YOUNG BOY FROM NEEDLE VILLAGE, RYOKU

ARE YOU RYOKU-CHAN'S FRIENDS?

!!

OH MY! ♪

THAT'S ENOUGH.

ARE YOU TH—

MMPH MMPH...

!!

THAT TATTOO ...!?

DID YOU COME BACK TO KILL US!?

WHAT DOES SOMEONE FROM THE STAR CLAN WANT WITH THIS VILLAGE!?

!?

!?

HYU (WHIZZ)

STAR CLAN ...?

THAT TATTOO ON YOUR SHOULDER!! ARE YOU A SURVIVOR OF THE STAR CLAN!?

MONEY ...?

PA (SNATCH)

I'LL GIVE YOU THAT IF YOU'LL JUST GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!!

YOU GUYS FROM THE STAR CLAN WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY, RIGHT!?

TCH!

THIS VILLAGE TOO, HUH...?

...

TA WA! TA WA! TA WA! AH! TA TA TA (TMD)

KON (KONK)

DIE, STAR CLAN!!

GO AWAY!

GET OUT OF HERE!

SCRAM!!

IT STARTED RAINING ...

SHIT ...

PO (DRIP)

PO

PO

SHUTA (SHOOP)

I CAN'T SENSE A "SOUL RESPONSE" LIKE MAKA...

...SO I HAVE TO RELY ON MY FIVE SENSES TO FIND THE UNCANNY SWORD.

BUT... WHEN IT'S RAINING LIKE THIS...

...THAT DOESN'T WORK SO WELL...

HUH?

NO... NOT REALLY ...

...

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT VILLAGE?

.....

I DON'T LIKE TELLIN' LONG, BORING STORIES ABOUT STUFF THAT HAPPENED AGES AGO...

I WON'T LOOK LIKE I WANT TO ASK YOU SOME-THING ANY MORE...

OKAY ...

WHEN YOU GET TO BE A BIG STAR LIKE ME, YOU START TO HEAR THE VOICES OF THE AUDIENCE!!

AND I CAN HEAR THEM SAYING, "DON'T GO INTO SOME STUPID FLASH-BACK!!"

AGH! FINE!

.....

I'M THE STAR CLAN'S ONLY SURVIVOR.

MY CLAN IS CALLED THE STAR CLAN. THEY WERE A FAMOUS CLAN OF ASSASSINS... THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY.

SOME GUY I DON'T EVEN KNOW SEES THE STAR TATTOO ON MY SHOULDER, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN HE GRABS ME...

YOU'VE SEEN THIS KIND OF THING HAPPEN BEFORE, RIGHT?

YES.

...WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CLAN...?

SO A LOT OF FOLKS OUT THERE HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST THE STAR CLAN.

THEY FOUGHT A LOT OF PEOPLE... PROBABLY INCLUDING PEOPLE FROM THAT VILLAGE.

.....!!

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO...THEY WERE ALL SLAUGHTERED BY DWMA.

I WAS JUST A BABY, SO DWMA TOOK ME IN... THERE!! THE END!!

BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED, PEOPLE HATE YOU EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT... I JUST... DON'T LIKE IT...

PFFT!

IT HAPPENED WAY BACK WHEN I WASN'T NEARLY AS BIG A STAR AS I AM NOW.

NOT REALLY.

WHO CARES! MY MOM AND DAD WERE BAD GUYS...SO THEY WERE KILLED... THAT'S ALL...

DO YOU HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST DWMA FOR WHAT THEY DID?

BEBEN (TA-TWANG)

BEN

IT GAVE ME A CHANCE TO GET LOTS OF ATTENTION! ☆

ARE YOU KIDDING ME? ♪

.....

HE'S LYING... BLACK ☆ STAR WOULDN'T WANT TO GET ATTENTION BY BEING HATED...

HEH! ♪

HYA HA HA HA HA! ☆

ZAAAAAA (WHOOOOOSH)

THE RAIN'S COMING DOWN HARDER ...

!

ZAAAA (WHOOOSH)

I THINK, THERE-FORE ...

...I SLEEP?

...I PLAY?

ZA (GLIDE)

NO.

I EAT!

IN THE END, IT ABSORBS THE PERSON'S ENTIRE SOUL, AND BECOMES...

THE UNCANNY SWORD EXPLOITS THE FEAR IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS TO POSSESS THE BODY AND SOUL OF THE PERSON WHO CARRIES IT...

...A KISHIN!

I AM ABLE TO THINK...

...THEREFORE I MUST BE ALIVE...

...AND THEREFORE MUST EAT!!

(NO MENTION OF SEASON.)

ZAAAAA (WHOOOOSH)

NO.

IT'S DRENCHED BY THE RAIN...

BERON (DROOP)

GOOD!

WELL DONE!

.....

KATA (TREMBLE)

KATA

KATA

WHAT DID THAT STAR CLAN GUY COME HERE FOR ANYWAY... TO ATTACK THE VILLAGE AGAIN...?

I MIGHT'VE TALKED BIG, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I COULD FIGHT HIM WITH JUST A SICKLE...

HEY!! WHO ARE YOU!?

ZA (GLIDE)

!?

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM...? ANYWAY, NO, I'M NOT. NOT REALLY...

.....

I THINK ...

...YOU SEEM TROUBLED BY SOME GREAT FEAR.

IF YOU JUST LET ME GIVE YOU THE POWER, YOU COULD OVERCOME YOUR FEARS...

HOW ABOUT THIS?

...DO YOU WANT IT?

I'LL GIVE YOU THE OPTION TO CHOOSE...

.....

PIKU TWITCHED

GYAAAAH!

EH!?

THERE HE IS!

!!

BROTHER ...

OKAY!

LET'S GO!!

GA

GA (LEAP)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!?

RYO-RYOKU ...

WHERE IS IT!?

!!

THEREFORE I EAT SOULS!!

RYOKU ...? NO!!

I AM THE UNCANNY SWORD MASAMUNE ...

GAN (SLAM)

HAAAH!!

HYAH!

HYA (JUMP)

!!

...THAT LITTLE PIECE OF SHIT FROM BEFORE!?

...LOOKS LIKE IT...

WAIT, YOU'RE ...

IN THE END, IT EATS THE PERSON'S SOUL.

USUALLY, THE MEISTER AND THE WEAPON MATCH THEIR "SOUL WAVELENGTHS" AND BECOME ONE, RIGHT?

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE UNCANNY SWORD, IT TAKES OVER THE PERSON'S SOUL AND CONTROLS HIM.

THIS IS ONE OF THE UNCANNY SWORD'S ABILITIES... "SOUL POSSESSION."

TSUBAKI... WHAT'S GOING ON...?

SOUL POSSES-SION!? WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN!?

!!

シュ!!!
SHUPA (SHOOP)

SO THAT'S THE UNCANNY SWORD... IT USED TO BE SO BEAUTIFUL... I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW DRAB IT IS NOW...

LOOK WHO'S HERE...

WELL, WELL ...

ジャラ
JARA (JANGLE)

WELL ...

TSUBAKI!! WHAT SHOULD I DO?

ザン
ZAN (LEAP)

EVEN THE UNCANNY SWORD SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL TWO SOUL WAVELENGTHS!! IF YOU POUR YOUR WAVELENGTH INTO THAT BOY AND MAKE HIS WAVELENGTH REPEL AND DETACH...

...I'LL HANDLE THE REST!!

カチン
KACHIN (CATCH)

RYOKU (YOUNG BOY)

MASAMUNE (UNCANNY SWORD)

I ENTERED DWMA IN ORDER TO TRACK DOWN THE UNCANNY SWORD...

...BUT I ENDED UP GETTING YOU MIXED UP IN A FIGHT BETWEEN SIBLINGS...

I JUST HAVE TO SHOOT MY SOUL WAVELENGTH INTO HIM, RIGHT!?

ALL RIGHT!

RIGHT.

...MIGHT HAVE JUST BEEN USING YOU.

I...

THIS WORLD IS ABOUT SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST!! THE ONES WITH THE POWER ARE ALLOWED TO EAT AS MUCH AS THEY WANT!

I WON'T LET YOU INTERFERE WITH MY MEAL.

4X

-CHA!
-(CLACK)

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME EVEN MORE IF YOU WANT!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? BEING "MEISTER" AND "WEAPON" IS ABOUT RELYING ON EACH OTHER, RIGHT?

YAH!!

BA (WHAP)

GAN (CLANK)

HAH!!

DO (WHAM)

!?

POTA (DRIP)

PUPPET SHADOW!!

WHA ...!?

THE UNCANNY SWORD CAN EVEN CONTROL THE SHADOW OF THE PERSON IT POSSESSES!?

SHADOW

A SHAD-OW!?

BLACK ☆ STAR!!

ZA

ZA (SKID)

UGH ...

WHAT IS THAT THING!?

ユラ YURA

ユラ YURA (SWAY)

SHADOW...

PUPPET!!

GO!!

DA (DASH)

=CHAK=

IN THAT CASE, I'LL USE SPEED!! TSUBAKI!! MODE: NINJA SWORD!!

OKAY!

TWO AGAINST ONE, HUH!?

SUPA (SHOOP)

SPEED ☆ STAR!!

HYA-HA-HA-HA-HA!! OR AM I TOO FAST FOR YOU TO SEE!?

SUPA

SUPA

DID YOU SEE THAT? ☆ WAS I FAST OR WHAT!?

ZURU (SLIP)

OH!?

OOMPH!

GON! (GONG)

WA! WA! WA! WA! WA! AH!

ZURURURU (SLIIIDE)

CHA (CLACK)

THE TIMES JUST HAVEN'T CAUGHT UP WITH ME YET... I GUESS I WAS BORN TOO SOON...

SPEED ☆ STAR... SO DEEP ...

SPEED STAR ISN'T GOOD TO USE ON RAINY DAYS, WHEN THE FOOTING IS BAD.

BY THE WAY, THE FORECAST FOR TOMORROW IS RAIN TOO! SO BE CAREFUL.

WITH THE FOOTING THIS BAD, I CAN BARELY KEEP UP WITH THE SHADOW'S ATTACKS...

I CAN'T MAKE AN OPENING TO SHOOT MY WAVE-LENGTH...

BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ...

ZUPA (SWOOSH)

AWAWAWA!

TEKE (SCUTTLE)

テケ TEKE

テケ TEKE

テケ TEKE

SHA—

DIE.

BE CAREFUL! HE'S GOING TO THRUST!

THAT STANCE ...

DO (WHAM)

PUPPET THRUST!

GIRA (FLASH)

I SEE IT!!

(VWEEEEE)

!!

YES!

BRANCH!!

SHA...

UGH ...

JIBABABA (SKIIID)

JUST NOT YET... NOT YET...!!

KI (GLARE)

JASU (SWIPE)

...DOW...

ZUPA (SHOOP)

TSU-BAKI ...

MODE: CHAIN SCYTHE.

YES ...

THIS ...

URK...

CHI (FLICK)

...THIS AIN'T MY TIME TO SHINE!!

GAH!

DO CHHAHO

ZA

ZA

ZA (SKID)

COME!! MY TIME TO SHINE!!

BUT HERE'S WHERE I FINISH YOU OFF!!

YOU'RE DAMN STUB-BORN.

SHUTA (SHOOP)

TA (TAP)

SHADOW!!

COME!!

THIS IS IT!!

YES!

SOUL RESO-NANCE!!

BUUN (SWISH)

DIE!!

...DOW...

HURT US, AND WE'LL RETURN IT TWO-FOLD!

THE FOOTING IS BAD...WE'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN A FIGHT ON THE GROUND, WITH OUR OPPONENT MAKING COOPERATIVE ATTACKS WITH A SHADOW. .BUT YOU GOT SO IMPATIENT WHEN YOUR ATTACKS FAILED TO TAKE US DOWN COMPLETELY THAT YOU FLEW IN...

SHIELD ☆ STAR!!!

DO (DUN)

!!

GA (THUNK)

SHA (LEAP)

PUPPET!!

...RIGHT INTO BLACK ☆ STAR'S RANGE!

SHADOW...

OO (ROAR)

GOOOO (ROAAAR)

YOUR TIME IS OVER!!

NOW THAT THE FIGHT'S IN THE AIR, IT'S MY TIME TO SHINE!!

I DUB THIS ...

...MY TIME !!!!

GO

GO RUMBLE

YAAAAAAAAH!!

GUH...

GO!

NOW, TSU-BAKI!

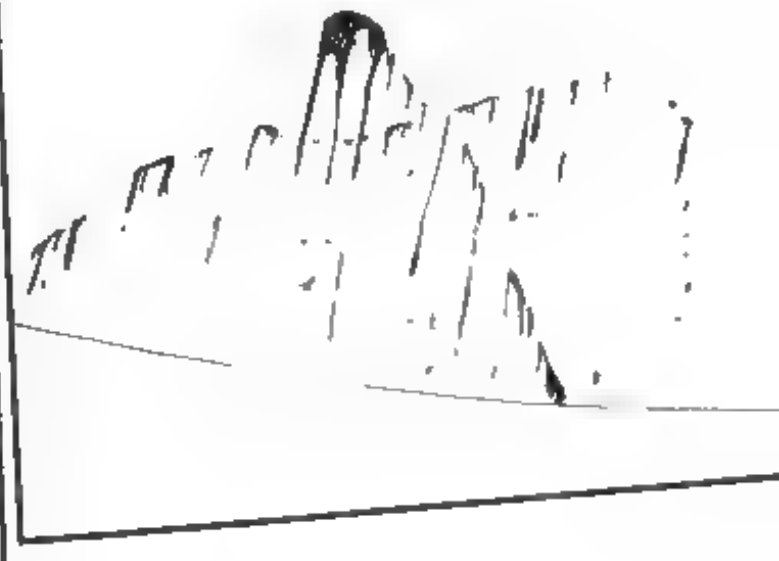
YES!

MOO

BACHIN RELEASE

OHH ...?
THIS IS INTER-ESTING ...

CHA
CSNATCH)



YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET INTO ME, AREN'T YOU...?

Thanks, Black ☆ Star.

I'll be back.

NOW IT'S MY FIGHT...

SHUTA (SHOOP)

...I WILL STOP THE UNCANNY SWORD!!

DOKUN (BADUM)

AAAAAAAH!

GO (RUMBLE) ゴ

GO ゴ

GO ゴ

AAAA

TSU-BAKI!

GO ゴ

...

ZAAAAA (WSHHH)

YOU'D BETTER COME BACK...

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ooo
(WHOO)

ゴルウーン
GOUN

ゴルウーン
GOUN

ゴルウーン
GOUN
(GWOM)

THIS IS...

...INSIDE THE UNCANNY SWORD ...!?

!!

I'M GOING TO EAT IT!!

NO.

POSSESS YOUR SOUL...?

HE SHOULD BE COMING AFTER MY SOUL TO TRY TO POSSESS IT...

WHERE IS THE UNCANNY SWORD'S SOUL...?

BROTHER AND SISTER, TRYING TO TAKE EACH OTHER'S SOULS, HUH...?

THE UN-CANNY SWORD MASA-MUNE

IT GIVES ME CHILLS.

BROTHER ...

GET READY.

SOUL EATER

DID SHE GO INTO THE UNCANNY SWORD ...?

.....

RYOKU!!

!!!

!!!
D
ZORO

!!
D
ZORO!
(CROWD)

TSU-
BAKI
...

GA (GRAB)

DAMN IT...

ZORO (CROWD)

ZORO

HOW HORRIBLE!! HE'S NOT HUMAN...

RYOKU ...

BECAUSE OF THE STAR CLAN, RYOKU IS...

WHAT THE HELL ...?

GON (WHACK)

GET OUT OF OUR VILLAGE!

GET OUT!! GET OUT!! GET OUT!! GET OUT!! GET OUT!!

GON

GON

GON

WHAT!? DON'T YOU IGNORE ME!!

ZAAAAAA (WSHHHHH)

TSU-BAKI!

DOSU (THWUMP)

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スリッ
SLIPA

スリッ
SLIPA

スリッ
SLIPA (SHOOP)

ナル!!

HAH!!

GAN (CLANG)

WHAT'S WRONG, TSUBAKI? DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO PLAY?

UGH...!

プラン
PURAN

プラン
PURAN (OANGLE)

HMPH...

YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE TSUBAKI FLOWER THAT YOU'RE NAMED AFTER...

ナル!!

GASH! (GRAB)

YOU'RE WEAK!!

!!

IT JUST QUIETLY BLOOMS, WITHOUT ANY POINT... AND THE WAY THE FLOWERS FALL OFF IS MISERABLE AND HIDEOUS...

BASHA

BASHA (SPLASH)

"A FLOWER WITHOUT A FRAGRANCE."

GOBOBO

GOBO

!!

GOBO (GLUB)

GOBO

IT'S A PETTY FLOWER.

!!

CHA (CLACK)

ZUBAN (SLICE)

TO (TMP)

ZUPA (SPLASH)

BYU (WHIP)

I THINK ...

...IF THIS WERE THE OUTSIDE WORLD, YOU WOULD BE DEAD RIGHT NOW.

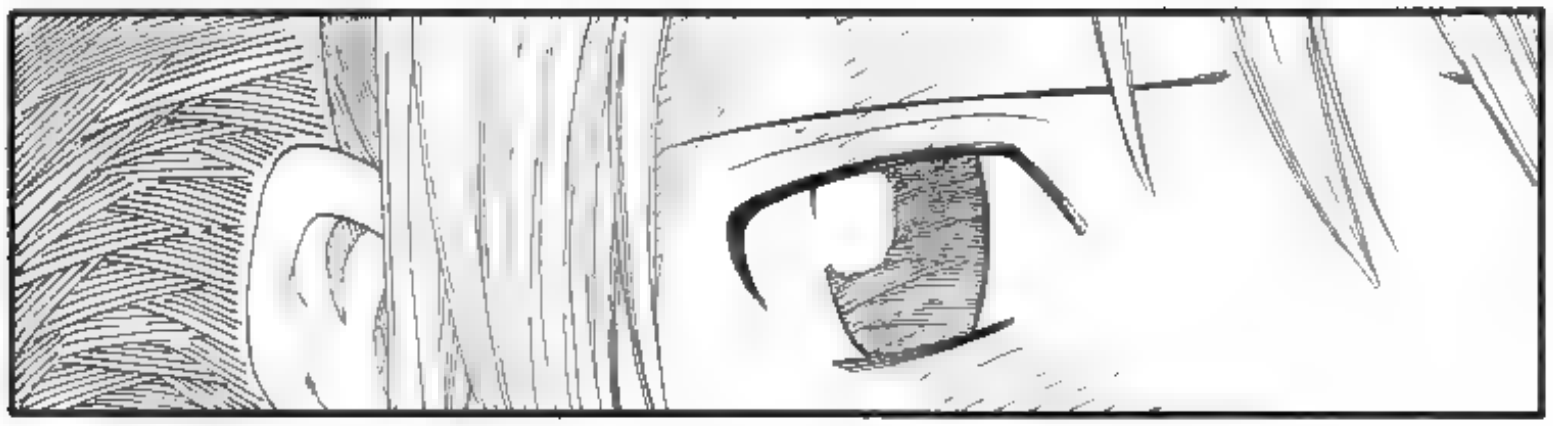
GOHO

GOHO (COUGH)

HUFF

HUFF

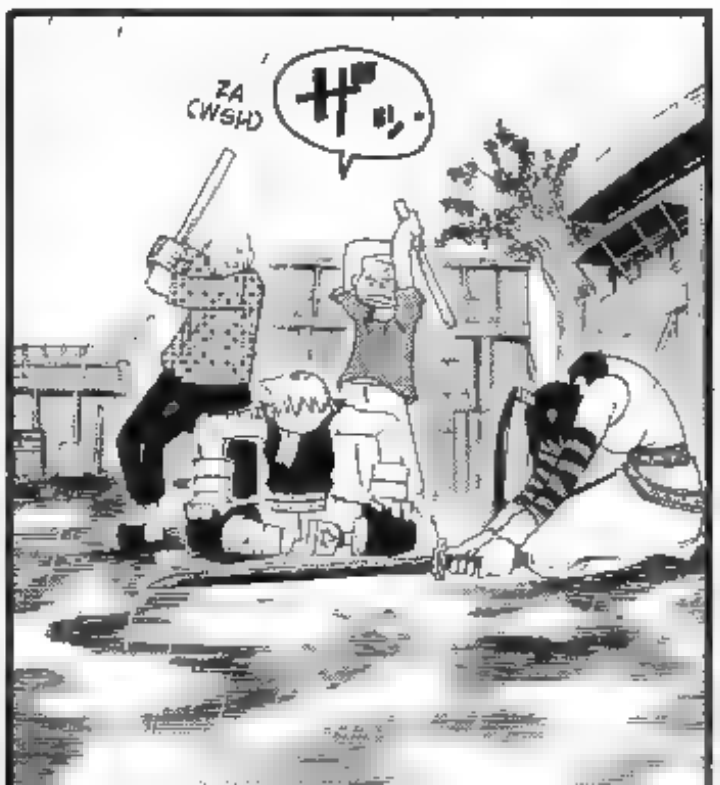
PIKU (TWITCH)



I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO WALK THE PATH OF THE UNCANNY SWORD...

THOSE EYES...
YOU LEAD ME TO THIS...
STOP... DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE EYES...

GO
GO (W/HAND)
TSUBAKI!!


ZA (WSH)

FATHER ...

...TSUBAKI HASN'T MOVED... WHAT IS SHE DOING?

.....

IT'S INCREDIBLE HOW BLACK - STAR PRETENDS NOT EVEN TO NOTICE THEM...

HA HA HA!

!?

STEIN-KUN...

EATING LUNCH

WHAT IS IT?

YES?

...

WELL ...

TSUBAKI-CHAN AND THE UNCANNY SWORD ARE...

...TSUBAKI AND MASAMUNE ARE PULLING AT EACH OTHER'S SOULS...

LET'S SEE... TO PUT IT SIMPLY ...

MASAMUNE

KAPO

THE UNCANNY SWORD HAS TAKEN OVER PARTS OF TSUBAKI'S SOUL WITH HIS SPECIAL ABILITY, "SOUL POSSESSION," AND IT LOOKS LIKE TSUBAKI IS TRYING HARD TO ABSORB THOSE SAME PARTS OF MASAMUNE'S SOUL.

TSUBAKI

KAPO (KSHMP)

THE BATTLE IS TAKING PLACE INSIDE THE UNCANNY SWORD... NOT ONLY THAT, PULLING AT SOULS IS THE UNCANNY SWORD'S SPECIALTY...THE CHANCE THAT TSUBAKI WILL WIN IS VERY LOW.

...THAT'S HARD TO SAY...

TURNING THE TABLES ON HIM, HUH...?

...BUT DOES TSUBAKI HAVE ANY CHANCE OF WINNING?

THIS BATTLE... IS PLAIN FOOLISH ...

...

NO ONE IS AS CUTE AS YOU!! DON'T WORRY, BIG SIS WILL PROTECT YOU, SO THAT YOU DON'T GET TRICKED BY ANY STRANGE MEN!!

GYUUU (HUUUG)

HA HA HA! ♪

IT WOULD WORK OUT, SIS. ♪

I CAN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT LIFE WITHOUT PATTY...

WAAH WAAH... HOW COULD SIBLINGS TRY TO KILL EACH OTHER ...?

...WHY DID THE UNCANNY SWORD MASAMUNE WANT POWER AND DECIDE TO WALK THIS PATH...?

THE FIRST KISHIN SOUGHT POWER TO RELEASE HIMSELF FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH...

IT IS WEAKNESS OF THE HEART THAT MAKES SOMEONE CHOOSE THE PATH TO BECOMING A KISHIN.

チャラ
CHARA (JANGLE)

ギュン
GYUN (SWING)

THE ABILITY TO TRANS-FORM ...

SMOKE BOMB...

SHURI-KEN...

BYU (SWING)

WHY ARE YOU ONLY USING A CHAIN SCYTHE...?

KAN (CLANK)

NINJA SWORD ...

PA (SPLASH)

DO (SLAM)

ARE YOU GOING EASY ON ME!?

IS IT PITY...?

NO.

...GH...

KYUOOO (WHRRR)

キュオオオ

CHA (CLACK)

!!

...IS AN ANCIENT SPECIAL WEAPON CLAN...

OUR CLAN ...

.....!!

ALL OF THE "POWER" WENT TO YOU...

SHURIKEN, SMOKE BOMB, TRANSFORMATION, NINJA SWORD... AS THE FIRST CHILD, I SHOULD HAVE INHERITED ALL OF THAT...

WE INHERIT ALL OF THE ABILITIES OF OUR ANCESTORS.

BUT...I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A SUDDEN MUTATION OR WHAT... BUT THE ONLY FORM GIVEN TO ME WAS A JAPANESE SWORD...

YOU HELD BACK YOUR OWN FEELINGS AND WERE ALWAYS CAREFUL NOT TO HURT MINE... I CAN'T STAND THAT!!

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!! DON'T PITY ME!!

I WAS RAISED WITH MORE CARE THAN ANYONE ELSE... BECAUSE I'M A WORTHLESS PIECE OF TRASH...

...MASTER THE MARTIAL WAY!!

GO (RUMBLE)

...BECOME A KISHIN... AND THEN...

THIS IS THE ONLY PATH I HAD ...

TSUBAKI ...I WILL KILL YOU ...

GO

GO

!!

PUPPET RAIN!!

キュ
GYu (WHRR)

...
STAR
...

BLACK
...

DODON (DADUM)

ドゴン ドゴン ゥ

TSU-BAKI ...

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT "SHOW" I PUT ON...

...THAT TIME AT THE DWMA ENTRANCE CEREMONY!?

I DO!!

GO (WHACK)

DOGON (WHACK)

DOGON

ドゴン ドゴン ドゴ

DWMA ENTRANCE CEREMONY

ALL YOU GUYS BETTER REMEMBER THIS!!

HYAHAHA!!

BEBEN (DADUM)

BEN (DUM)

ZORO

ZORO (CROWD)

I AM !!!

BLACK ☆ STAR!!

A HALO OF LIGHT SHALL SHINE AROUND ME TOMOR-ROW!!

BEN

SKY ABOVE, SKY BELOW, I ALONE STAND ALMIGHTY !!

I WILL SURPASS THE GODS!! NO, I'VE ALREADY STARTED TO!!

DON'T LOOK SO DISPIRITED, COMMONERS!! I'M JUST TOO COOL!!

ZAWA (MURMUR)

ZAWA

HMPH. LOOKS LIKE I'M JUST TOO AHEAD OF THE TIMES...

!?

パチ PACHI

パチ PACHI (CLAP)

ピュウウウウ PYUUUUUU (EMPTY)

ビク BIKU (FLINCH)

シュタ SHUTA (LAND)

テケ TEKE

テケ TEKE (TROMP)

じろん JIRON (GLARE)

…

ぽつん POTSUN (ALONE)

……

RIGHT! ♪

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO RECOGNIZE MY TALENT!! CONGRATULATIONS!! I'LL REMEMBER YOU!!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

UH... UMM ...

TH-THAT WAS... GREAT...

OHH ...?

BLACK ☆ STAR ...

...A MEISTER!

MEISTER

I'M TSU-BAKI ...

...A WEAPON.

WEAPON

ZAAAA (WSHHH)

YOU WATCHED MY SHOW ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE END!!

NOW IT'S MY TURN TO DO THE SAME FOR YOU!!

YOU GET OUT OF OUR VILLAGE TOO!!

WHAT? THAT LADY HASN'T MOVED AT ALL...

THE NEXT TIME YOU INTERRUPT TSUBAKI'S SHOW...

MEKI (CRACK)

MEKI

HEY ... KID ...

PAN (SLAP)

BAKI (SNAP)

DO

DO

DO (DUM)

I'LL KILL YOU.

BYUN (HURL)

SHUT UP!! STAR CLAN!

KON (KONK)

UGH ...

JUST SHUT IT AND WATCH FROM OVER THERE!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ

GOOOOOO
(WHOOOOSH)

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SAY?

GOPU (HACK)

IN ORDER TO BECOME A KISHIN, I MUST CAST ASIDE MY FEELINGS...

CHA

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A "FLOWER WITHOUT A FRAGRANCE" ...SO YOU REMAIN SILENT, EVEN AT THE VERY END...

CHA (CLACK)

TSUBAKI? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?

I WANT TO PLAY WHATEVER YOU WANT TO PLAY!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU... TSUBAKI ...?

I WILL KILL MY SISTER AND BECOME A KISHIN...

THEN I WANT TO PLAY WITH THE BALL! ♪

NIPA (GRIN)

DO
(THRUST)

キュポーン
KYUPON
(SHOOMP)

ギュオオオ
GYUOOO
(WHRRR)

グォン
GUON

グォン
GUON

グォン
GUON
(WHOOM)

...IS MINE ...

YOUR SOUL...

...BUT SHE'S UP AGAINST THE WRONG OPPONENT...

IT'S TRUE THAT TSUBAKI IS A "MULTI-FORM HIGH-PERFORMANCE WEAPON"...

...THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN WIN...

.....

...BUT THAT ISN'T HER GREATEST STRENGTH ...

YES, TSUBAKI-CHAN'S SPECIAL "MULTI-FORM" ABILITY MAY BE PART OF HER APPEAL...

I SHOULD'VE GONE, EVEN IF YOU TRIED TO STOP ME.

...

.....

HER SOUL IS.

POOON

YES!

YOU REALLY WANTED TO PLAY WITH THE BALL?

POOON (PLINT)

YES.

YOU LIKE PLAYING WITH THE BALL TOO, TSUBAKI?

I AM TSUBAKI...

...A FLOWER WITHOUT A FRAGRANCE...

I ACTUALLY WANTED TO PLAY HOUSE...

POOON

NIKO

NIKO (SMILE)

.....

I AM JUST LIKE THAT PETTY FLOWER ...

.....

I AM A FLOWER THAT FALLS IN AN UGLY, HIDEOUS WAY...

GU

GU (PLUSH)

.....

YOU'RE STANDING THERE WORDLESSLY, REVELING IN THE FACT THAT YOU'RE SO CONSIDER-ATE, AREN'T YOU?

GA (GRAB)

.....

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY!? DO YOU PITY ME!? DO YOU DESPISE ME!!?

DO (WHAM)

!?

!!

NO!!!

NO!

I WON'T BE CONSIDERATE OF YOU ANYMORE!! I WILL STOP YOU!

JIGU (STAB)

NO!!

THIS IS THE REAL ME!! PLEASE FEEL IT WITH ALL OF YOUR SOUL!!

GU

GU (PUSH)

BROTHER!!

GO (RUMBLE)
YOU CAN'T DO IT!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY TO DO, YOU'RE STILL JUST A PETTY FLOWER!!
GO
GO
THAT ISN'T TRUE!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU CALL ME SOME PETTY FLOWER!!
EVEN TSUBAKI HAVE A FRAGRANCE!
GO
AAAAAAAAAH!!!
GO
GO
GO
HYAAAAAAAH!!

ZAAAAAA
CWSHHHH

DOPAN
CRASH

ZAAAA (WSHHH)

TSUBAKI!!

!!!

KACHA (CLANK)

TSUBAKI IS GOING INTO THE UNCANNY SWORD!!?

OOO (WHOOO)

IT ...

...IT CAN'T BE... TSUBAKI LOST!?

...THE TSUBAKI FLOWER... A FLOWER WITHOUT A FRAGRANCE, HUH...?

YOU'VE SHOWN ME... YOUR FEELINGS ...

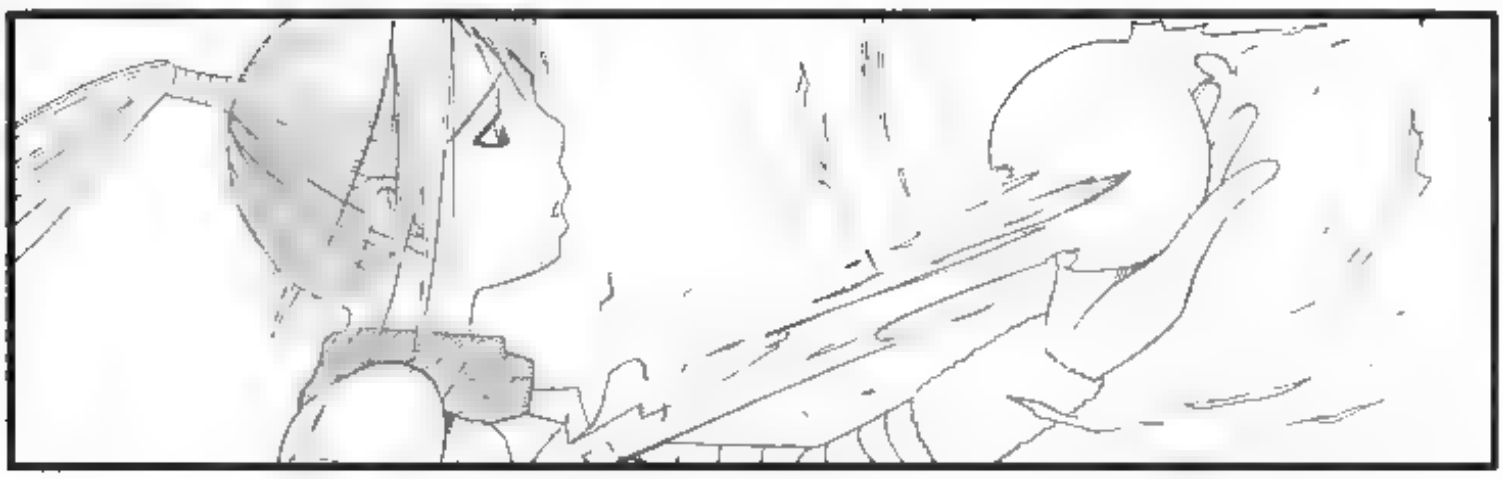
SU (DROP)

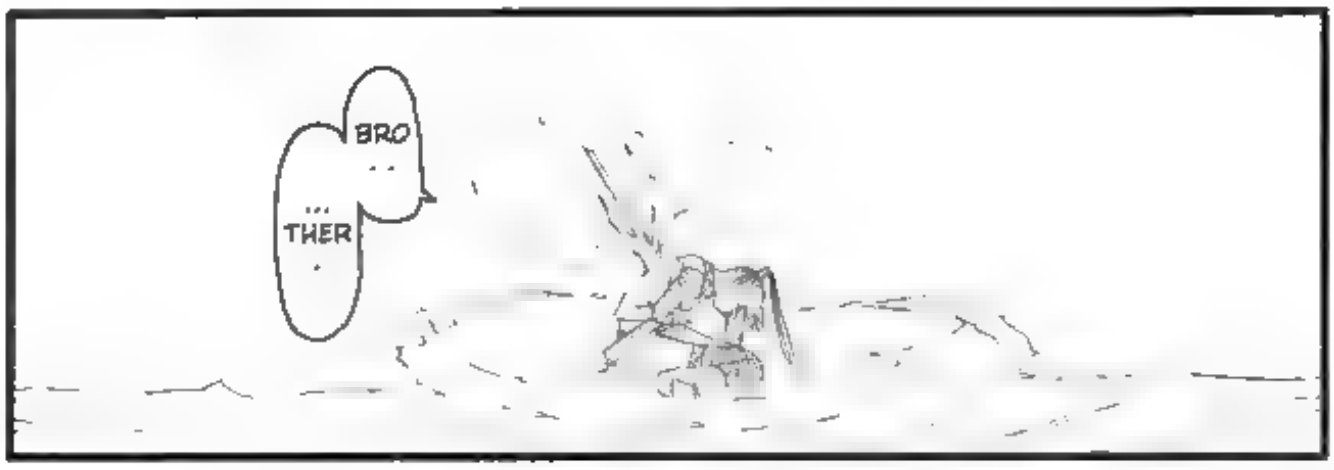
NO.

When I touched your soul, I realized ...

BROTHER.

...it has a wonderful fragrance.

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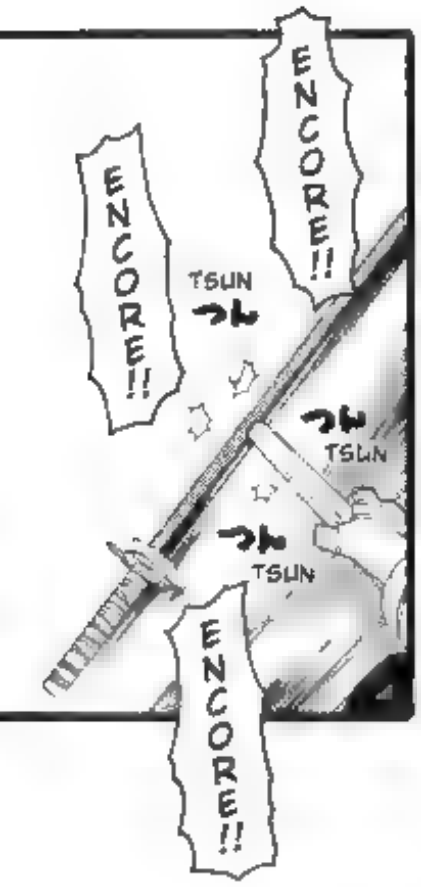
ENCORE!!
ENCORE!!
TSUN
TSUN
TSUN
ENCORE!!
ENCORE!!

HEY!! TSUBAKI!! YOU'RE IN THERE, RIGHT!!? COME OUT!! COME ON!! YOU DIDN'T LOSE, RIGHT!?
THIS ISN'T HOW YOUR SHOW IS SUPPOSED TO END!!
TSUN (POKE)
TSUN
TSUN

?
...

EEK!
DASHI (SNATCH)
OLD MAN!! HAND ME THAT STICK!!

KON (KONK)

!!

TSU-BAKI ...?

UWAAAH!!?

PON (POOF)

...BLACK☆STAR...

I'M BACK...

-JII! (STARE)

HEY!! WELCOME BACK!!

ARE YOU OKAY?

YES.

YOU'RE REALLY ALL RIGHT?

YES... I'M FINE! ♪

...!!

BLACK ☆ STAR WILL GIVE YOU A HUG!!

BA (WHAP)

C'MERE, YOU!!

DUD

HORO (CRIP)

UH...

HIC...

NGH..

NGH...

NNH

UH...

UH HE HE!

PIKU CTWITCH

PIKU

YOU LITTLE BAS-TARD !!!

!!

GON CWHACK

HN?

GUSHA (SPLAT)

MY BABY!!

SO YOU'RE ALIVE... THAT'S GOOD...

!!

GO (WHAM)

DIE!!

WHA ..!?

I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PAST, ALL RIGHT?

I DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE PAST, I JUST MOVE FORWARD!!

AHH ...

THE LOSERS IN THIS VILLAGE ARE ALWAYS GONNA TALK OUT OF THEIR ASSES.

SHUT UP, WILL YA? NONE OF YOU HAVE ANY BALLS ...!!

HE'S NOT HUMAN!

HE HURT THAT CUTE LITTLE BOY...

THE STAR CLAN IS THE WORST.

GET OUT.

GET OUT!

I'M SORRY... HE'S ACTUALLY A GOOD BOY...

AS IF ANYONE WOULD COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO THE STICKS, ANYWAY!! I HOPE YOUR VILLAGE COLLAPSES, ASSHOLES!!

AND DON'T COME BACK!

GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T SCREW WITH US! GET OUT OF HERE!!

TA

TA

TA (TMP)

I'D HATE THAT GUY EVEN IF HE WASN'T ONE OF THE STAR CLAN...

.....
.....
...!!

.....
.....
...!!

...

TEKE
テケ
TEKE (TROMP)
テケ

DWMA!!!

I WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH BLACK ☆ STAR...

HUH ...!?

HEY, TSUBAKI ...?

NOW THAT YOU'VE TAKEN DOWN THE UNCANNY SWORD AND SETTLED YOUR SCORE WITH HIM, ARE YOU STILL GOING TO BE MY WEAPON?

GREAT!!

WITH HIM AS MY PARTNER, I'LL BE ABLE TO BE TRUE TO MYSELF...

YES! ♪

WELCOME BACK!!!

サプライズ!!
SURPRISE!!

!!

!?

PEKORI (BOW)

ペコリ

I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU!

YOU GUYS TOO ...

TH-THANKS ...

YOU FINALLY GOT A SOUL!

SOUL

THAT WAS AMAZING, YOU TWO! ♪

'SUP?

GOOD JOB, GUYS! ♪

わいの
WAINO

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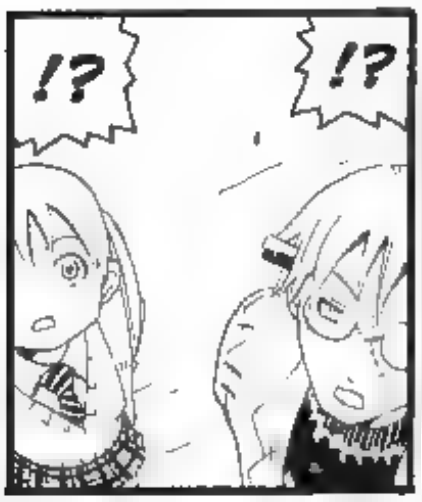
WAINO (MERRY)



MODE: UNCANNY SWORD!

PON (POOF)

YES!!

TA (TMP)

LET'S GO!! TSUBAKI!

KOOOOO (WHOOOO)

PISHI

PISHI (CRACKLE)

GOU (ROAR)

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PATA (THWUMP)

OH HO HO!

WELL, THAT'S ONE KISHIN DOWN...

BUT...I'M SURPRISED... SHE EVEN TOOK ON HER BROTHER'S POWERS...

IT LOOKS LIKE BLACK ☆ STAR CAN'T HANDLE IT YET.

AUGH!

SOUL WAVE-LENGTH OVER LOAD...

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BLACK ☆ STAR!!

GUIDE (COLLAPSE)

PATA (FLAP)

PATA

GOOD JOB! ♪

SOUL EATER

CHAPTER 9: PERSEVERING SOUL

SOME-WHERE ON EARTH... A WITCH MASS

JOMA JOMA ...

...DUB-LAHSA.

I HEREBY BRING THIS WITCH MASS TO A CLOSE!!

MABA-SAMA

JOMA JOMA DUBLAHSA.

JOMA JOMA DUBLAH-SA.

JOMA JOMA ...

...DUB-LAHSA.

!?

BI (WHIP)

YES, MEDUSA-SAMA...

BASA (FLAP)

LET'S GO, CRONA, RAGNA-ROK.

SHUT YOUR TRAP, WILL YA!? OR I'LL TAKE YOUR ALLOWANCE FROM YA!!

HUUUH!? SHE WON'T LET US PASS!? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS...

OH?

GRRRAK!

STOP RIGHT THERE.

SQUEAK! SQUEAK! SQUEAK!

WITCH ERUKA FROG

WITCH MIZUNE

CROAK!

WHAT COULD YOU WANT...

...ERUKA FROG?

I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL...

OH? I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO BROUGHT AN OUTSIDER WHO ISN'T A WITCH.

LOOK. THAT LITTLE WITCH OVER THERE BROUGHT A HUMAN.

MIFUNE ...AN'S HUNGWY ...

ME TOO.

EVEN THE WITCH MASS HAS BEEN CHEAPENED.

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT...

...I SAW IT... YOU STOLE SOMETHING OUT OF MABA-SAMA'S ROOM. AND WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO BY INFILTRATING DWMA? IT'S DISGUSTING TO WATCH.

CRONA, MY COAT...

PACHIN (SNAP)

YES MA'AM.

SHUBAN (SLIDE)

HOLD IT!!

BI (WHIP)

THAT WAS THE CONCLUSION OF THE WITCH MASS... ISN'T THAT WHAT MABA-SAMA HERSELF SAID?

I WILL CONTINUE MY RESEARCH IN DWMA.

AND I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE A KISHIN—WHICH COULD EASILY TURN INTO AN ENEMY OF THE WITCHES!!

GURI (GRIND)

GURI

MABA-SAMA DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE THE THORN IN HER OWN SIDE!! DWMA IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT TARGETS THE SOULS OF WITCHES!! IF YOU MAKE ONE LITTLE SLIP-UP, IT COULD PUT THE REST OF US IN DANGER!!

SQUEAK

I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL...

IT'S DISGUSTING TO WATCH.

!!

GAPO (GRAB)

YOU WILL BE PUNISHED!

HOW DARE A MERE FROG AND RAT SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT.

BYU (FWAP)

I'M IN A HURRY RIGHT NOW.

=CROOOAK=

=CROA...!

WELL THEN, JOMA JOMA DUBLAHSA.

A NURSE CAN'T BE LATE, NOW CAN SHE?

SQUEAK~ SQUEAK~

DAMN SNAKE-WOMAN ...

Y-YOU BITCH ...

DWMA!!!

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

COULD YOU TURN YOUR BACK TOWARD ME?

THERE'S NOTHING REALLY WRONG...

SU (SLIDE)

YEAH ...

IN THE DREAM ...

WEIRD DREAM?

...BUT I'VE BEEN HAVING A WEIRD DREAM A LOT LATELY.

SOUL

...I'M IN A PITCH-BLACK ROOM...

BLACK ROOM

I HEAR SOME TACKY JAZZ MUSIC COMING FROM A PHONOGRAPH THAT SKIPS A LOT. I FEEL LIKE I'VE HEARD IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE...

AFTER A WHILE, SOMETHING COMES FROM THE BACK OF THE ROOM...

...DOING A STRANGE ...

FURI (SWAY)

FURI

...OFF-BEAT DANCE...

FURI

FURI

HEY ...

.....

SWING! ♪ SWING! ♪

THIS JAZZ ISN'T SWING...

JAZZ IS SOMETHING YOU LISTEN TO AT NIGHT.

SWING! ♪ SWING! ♪

IT'S A LITTLE OGRE, WEARING A DOUBLE-BREASTED SUIT...

...YOU ARE QUALIFIED.

...I DECIDED ...

YES ...

THE KIND OF MUSIC DOESN'T DEPEND ON WHEN OR WHERE IT'S PLAYED. YOU JUST DECIDED THAT YOURSELF.

!!

WHEN YOUR CHEST WAS SLICED, DIDN'T YOU HAVE HORRIBLE FEAR? DON'T YOU WANT A SPIRIT STRONG ENOUGH TO FORGET FEAR?

YOU'RE ON EARTH, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU, AN IDIOT? DO YOU THINK YOU'RE IN HEAVEN OR SOMETHING?

HMPH!!

...THAT'S WHAT I WAS TAUGHT AT DWMA.

IT'S FOOLISH TO TRY TO FORGET FEAR...

...

AN OVERWHELMING **POWER** THAT WILL LET YOU FORGET YOUR FEAR!!

AND TO KEEP YOUR FEET ON THAT EARTH UNTIL THE VERY END, YOU NEED **POWER**!!

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS ROOM!!

LET ME STAY UNTIL THE DREAM IS OVER...!!

I'LL TOLERATE THE LAME MUSIC...

CHA CLACK

GWA YANK

HEY... HEY, WAIT...

I'M NOT GOING TO GET ANYWHERE TALKING TO YOU LIKE YOU ARE NOW!! SCRAM!!

WHY DIDN'T YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE ROOM?

WHEN I LEAVE THE ROOM, THE DARKNESS KEEPS GOING...

...THEN, I SEE A LIGHT...

THEN SEEK POWER!!

SEARCH FOR RULES THAT CAN BE BROKEN!!

...YOU CAN BECOME STRONG.

OH MY.

HEH-HEH... IT SEEMS RAGNAROK'S BLACK BLOOD IS CLEARLY HAVING AN EFFECT.

...I COME OUT OF MAKA'S STOMACH.

WHEN I GO THROUGH IT...

OKAY.

I NEED TO TAKE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE, OKAY?

YOU SEEM TO HAVE SLIGHT ARRHYTHMIA, BUT YOU'RE RECOVERING NICELY.

YES.

SO, AM I DOING OKAY?

OH, THAT'S TERRIBLE ...

...EVER SINCE I GOT HURT, THINGS HAVE BEEN KIND OF AWKWARD WITH MAKA...

WELL, I WOULDN'T CALL IT A CONCERN, BUT...

POSHU (PUMP) POSHU

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GOING BACK TO THE DREAM, HAVING THE SAME DREAM OFTEN IS COMMON, SO IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT?

DING DONG! DEAD DONG!

...

A JUG?

WELL, THE JUG IS JUST A REGULAR JUG...IT'S THE WATER INSIDE IT THAT'S IMPORTANT. IT'S A SPECIAL KIND OF WATER CALLED "KYUKON" WATER, WHICH SUCKS OUT THE SOUL WAVELENGTH. BUT THE JUG IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BUT A REGULAR JUG...

...PUT YOUR HAND INSIDE.

YES ...

...A JUG.

WHY A JUG?

OKAY ...

...BUT I STILL THINK IT'S THE JUG THAT'S STRANGE ...

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CHOPON (DIP)

IT'S THE WATER. THE WATER ...

...TRY PUTTING JUST ONE FINGER IN AT FIRST.

WHAT'S WITH THIS THING? THIS JUG IS DANGEROUS!

DO (WHAM)

WHOA!!

THAT'S RIGHT.

...WILL I BE ABLE TO USE TSUBAKI'S UNCANNY SWORD MODE?

IF I LEARN TO HANDLE DIPPING EVEN MORE INTO THIS THING...

NO FAIR ...

WHAT ...?

CHACHAAAN (CHACHING)

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EEEEEH!?

COOL! ☆

I HAVEN'T BEEN DOING ANYTHING EXCEPT WEIGHT TRAINING LATELY...

HOW COME YOU GET SO STRONG WHEN ALL YOU'VE BEEN DOING IS WEIGHT TRAINING?

THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA LOSE TO SOME STUPID JUG!!

PON (PAT)

!?

DOCTOR STEIN ...?

NO FAIR ...

BECAUSE I'M BLACK☆STAR, OF COURSE!! I'M ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL!! I'M A BIG SHOT WHO'S GONNA SURPASS THE GODS!!

YES...HE TELLS HIMSELF, "THERE'S NOTHING A BIG SHOT LIKE ME CAN'T DO!! OF COURSE I CAN DO IT!!" AND PUTS EVERY LAST BIT OF EFFORT INTO DOING IT. HE CHALLENGES HIMSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN.

PUSHING HIMSELF ...?

BLACK☆STAR HIMSELF PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN MEAN TO, BUT BY CALLING HIMSELF A "GOD" AND A "BIG SHOT," HE'S PUSHING HIMSELF ON...

RIGHT!

HE'S GOING TO GET STRONGER AND STRONGER ...

HE IS SERIOUS ABOUT SURPASSING THE GODS.

WHOOOA!!

MY OWN WAY...

BUT THAT'S BLACK☆STAR'S OWN WAY OF MAKING HIS SOUL STRONGER...YOU HAVE YOUR OWN WAY OF DOING THE SAME THING.

WHEN YOU FIND IT, COME SEE ME.

WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A PARTY TO CELEBRATE BLACK☆STAR AND TSUBAKI-CHAN GETTING A SOUL AND SOUL'S GETTING OUT OF THE HOSPITAL...

COOK SOME DELICIOUS FISH, OKAY? ♡

HEY, MAKA... WHAT ABOUT THE PARTY?

OH YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT, BLAIR!

GO HOME FOR TODAY. YOU CAN TAKE THE JUG WITH YOU.

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO START WITH ONE FINGER ...?

I-I'M GONNA DIE...

WHOOOA!!

EXCUSE ME.

KON. CKNOCK

KON

DISPENSARY

NURSE'S OFFICE

COME BACK AGAIN IN ONE WEEK, SOUL-KUN.

OKAY.

HEY.

WHAT'S UP?

SOUL

OH!

WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME...

WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING A PARTY, SO DON'T TAKE TOO LONG, OKAY?

SOUL
YEAH.
WHEN SHE SEES THIS WOUND, SHE GETS A PAINED LOOK ON HER FACE...

SOUL
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT WOUND IS WHAT'S CAUSING THE AWK-WARDNESS.

MAKA AND SOUL'S APART-MENT...

KYA HA HA HA! ♪
YEAH. THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
IT WAS DELICIOUS, MAKA-CHAN!
YOU JERK.
IT DIDN'T TASTE TOO GOOD, BUT I'M STILL STUFFED! ☆

IT'S JUST THE TWO OF YOU LIVING HERE?

IF I LEAVE THINGS LYING AROUND, MAKA NAGS ME ABOUT IT.

IN UTERO

YOU'VE GOT A NICE PLACE HERE. ♪ IT'S NICE AND CLEAN TOO...

BU (SPURT)

HARARI (FLUTTER)

OH NO! ♡

YOO-HOO! ♪ IS EVERYONE HAVING FUN?

DOES ANYONE WANT TO GET IN THE BATH WITH ME?

YEAH... SOMEBODY PLEASE TAKE THAT SEXY CAT OUT OF HERE.

IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS?

I'VE GOT THE KEY...
CHARA (JINGLE)
PERHAPS I SHOULD TEST HIM A LITTLE?
IT WAS WORTH INFILTRATING DWMA... SOUL EATER HAS BLACK BLOOD MIXED IN WITH HIS OWN...
ZA (STEP)
!?

OH.

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE.

I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHY I'M HERE, BUT...

...SHALL I JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT?

YES ...

PLEASE DO.

=CROAK=

I'M HERE TO KILL YOU.

WHY?

HOW MEAN. WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?

I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS YOU'RE TRYING TO DO AT DWMA.

IT'S DANGER-OUS. FOR YOU AND FOR US.

ALL WE WANT IS TO RUN WILD USING MAGIC WITHOUT SHINIGAMI SEEING US.

SO YOU CAME TO KILL ME, HMM?

I WILL GIVE YOU ONE PIECE OF ADVICE. THE WAY YOU LOOK IS DANGEROUS. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY A WITCH...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU USE "SOUL PROTECT," THERE ARE A LOT OF YOUNG MEISTERS LIVING AROUND HERE.

YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS, RIGHT?

PLEASE DON'T WORRY. UNLIKE YOU, WE CAN USE TRANSFORMATION MAGIC...IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT, WE CAN USE THAT TO ESCAPE.

MAGIC

NO!!

protection

IF YOU DECIDE TO FIGHT BACK WITH MAGIC, WE'LL USE OUR TRANSFORMATION MAGIC AND ESCAPE.

WITH YOUR SOUL PROTECT ON, YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE JUST A REGULAR LADY. YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC ATTACKS, BUT WE CAN.

I SEE... AND THAT'S WHY YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN AGAINST ME?

I KNOW THAT I WOULDN'T WIN IN A NORMAL FIGHT.

BUT IF YOU WANT TO KEEP PRETENDING TO BE A REGULAR NURSE LADY, THEN THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN CANCEL YOUR SOUL PROTECT AND USE MAGIC HERE, NOW IS THERE?

WHETHER YOU CANCEL YOUR PROTECTION OR NOT, WE WIN EITHER WAY.

THE MEISTERS WILL FIND OUT YOU'RE A WITCH AND HUNT YOU.

SOUL PROTECT, CANCEL!!

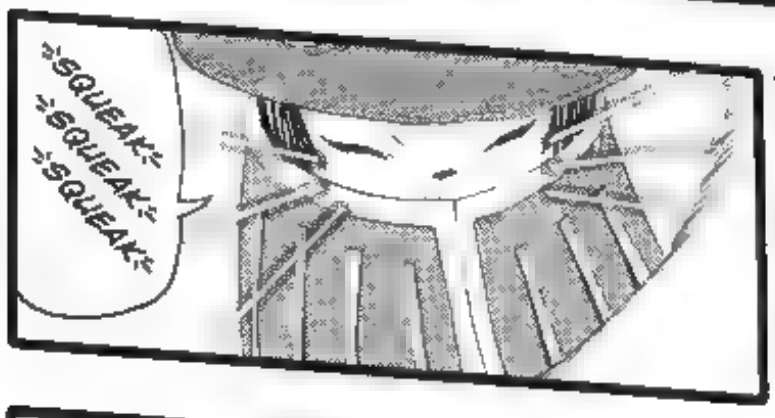
FIRST YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME, AND NOW YOU'RE MAKING ME LISTEN TO BAD PUNS...

THAT'S JUST CRUEL ...

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNDERDOG TO BEAT THE FAVORITE! OR SHOULD I SAY UNDER-FROG?

~CROAK~

THE FROG AND THE RAT WILL DEFEAT THE SNAKE!!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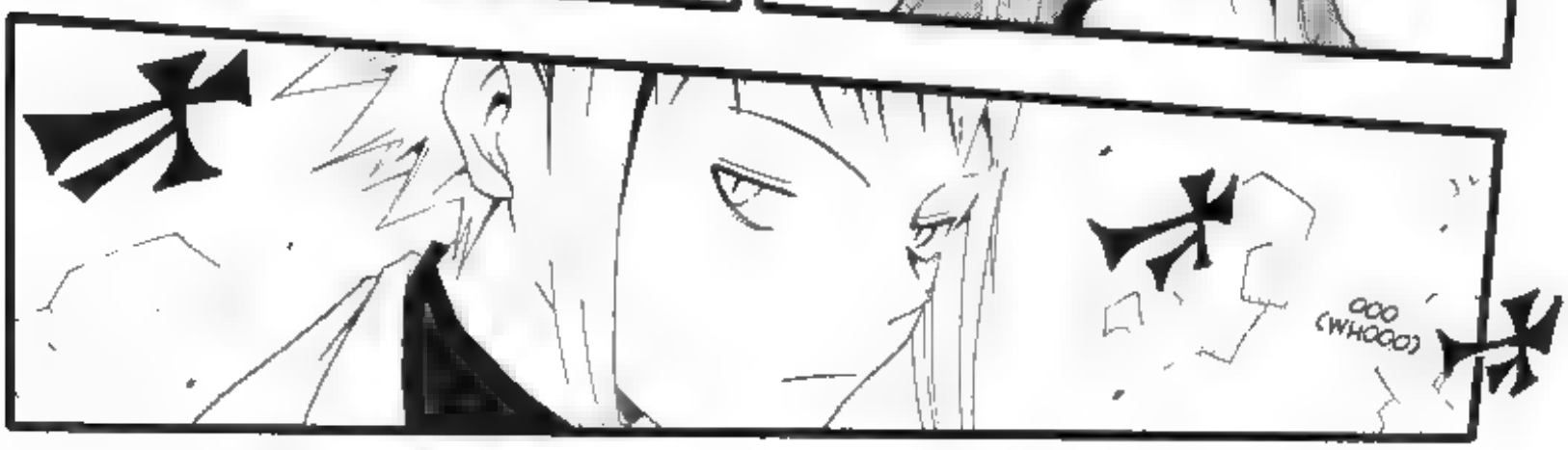
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(WHOOO)

THIS SOUL
RESPONSE!!!
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PIKU
(PERK)

HEY! MAKA!?

DA (DASH)

I'LL BE BACK!

THERE ARE TWO ...

...WHAT ARE THEY DOING IN DEATH CITY...?

WHOA!! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?

GABA (LEAP)

WITCHES!!?

I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE TWISTED IN AGONY, OVER AND OVER AGAIN...BUT THERE'S NO TIME...

WHAT A SHAME ...

KOOOO (ROOOAR)

.....

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD BEAT ME LIKE THIS?

YOU WILL BE PUN-ISHED.

CROAK!? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SNAKE TATTOO ON YOUR SHOULDER!?

OH, I WONDER WHERE IT COULD HAVE GONE?

!!

BASA (RUSTLE)

YOU WON'T MAKE GOOD RESEARCH SUBJECTS.

COME ON... WHAT'S THE MATTER...? TRY CANCELING YOUR SOUL PROTECT...

YOU'RE GONNA TRY TO MAKE FROG'S LEGS OUT OF ME, HUH? THEN I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE...

SQUEAK
SQUEAK

SQUEEEAK

!!

BOKO (BULGE)

WHAT'S WRONG, MIZUNE!?

NO WAY... WHEN DID IT...

IS THAT SNAKE INSIDE OF MIZUNE...?

!!

GAPO (GRAB)

!!

BACK THEN ...?

I CAN SPARE JUST A FEW...

BOKO

I HAVE A THOU-SAND SNAKES LIVING IN MY BODY.

BOKO

SQUEAK
SQUEAK

GOBON (BURST)

EAT HER UP AND DON'T LEAVE A TRACE.

MIZUNE ...

MI—

THESE LITTLE GUYS ARE AUTOMATIC.

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD CALL THEM INCREDIBLY SIMPLE MAGIC LIFEFORMS. HEH-HEH. I'M SO PROUD OF THEM.

AHH... AH...AH... H-HOW? HOW...?

THOSE SNAKES ARE MAGIC TOO, RIGHT? HOW DID YOU DO THAT WITHOUT CANCELING YOUR SOUL PROTECT?

I'M NOT PULLING THEM OUT OF A HAT LIKE A RABBIT, BUT ISN'T MY LITTLE TRICK WONDERFUL?

SHURURURU (SLITHER)

GU (PRESS)

THEY RESPOND TO SIMPLE SIGNALS.

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TWITCH

CR-CROA ...

HIIIII (EEEEEK)

WE CAN'T LET MIZUNE BE THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE ALL THE FUN, RIGHT?

ZA (STRIDE)

I KNEW THEY'D SHOW UP... THAT WAS FAST...

TEKEKEKE (SCAMPER)

PON (POOF)

~CROAK~

...AND... MAKA...

~PANT~

MEDUSA-SENSEI...

~PANT~

STEIN...

COULD IT BE... THE WITCH WHO HURT SOUL...?

IT COULD BE...

YES.

I SENSED THEM TOO, AND I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF.

THERE WERE TWO WITCH RESPONSES AROUND HERE JUST NOW...

THAT WITCH TOOK THE DEMON SWORD AND ITS MEISTER WITH HER...IF IT WAS THE SAME WITCH TONIGHT, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE CANCELLED HER SOUL PROTECT RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF DEATH CITY FOR NO REASON. BECAUSE SHE DEFINITELY HAS SOME SORT OF INTEREST IN MEISTERS AND WEAPONS.

NO.

I DON'T THINK SO...

THAT IS, IF SHE'S EVEN HERE...

THAT WITCH IS PROBABLY IN HIDING, OBSERVING US, DON'T YOU THINK?

...

OH HO HO...

THAT'S TRUE.

IT WOULD BE A BIG PROBLEM IF THE NURSE WAS TAKEN OUT OF COMMISSION.

AT ANY RATE, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU WEREN'T HURT, MEDUSA-SENSEI.

I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT MAYBE IT WAS JUST MEANT TO PUT SOME PRESSURE ON DWMA...

...IT'S LIKE SOMETHING A SCHOOL WITH A LOT OF DELINQUENTS WOULD DO...

WELL ...

SOUL ...

...!! IT CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS!! I DECIDED TO GET STRONG!

BUT WHAT IF...

...I MEET UP WITH THAT WITCH AND DEMON SWORD MEISTER AGAIN...

...I TURNED MY EYES AWAY FROM SOUL'S WOUND...

I...

SOUL ...

MAKA! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?

DON'T RUN OFF BY YOURSELF! IT'S DANGEROUS!

IN UTERO

I WON'T LET SOUL GET HURT LIKE THAT AGAIN!! I WILL NOT LOSE TO FEAR!!

!!

WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN ...?

PO (PAT)

I HAVE TO FACE THAT WOUND TOO!!

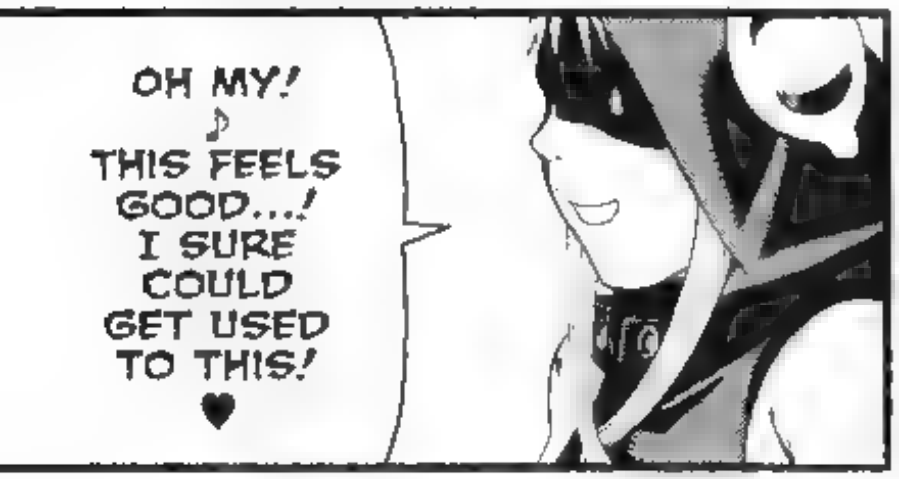
DOCTOR!! I...I FOUND MY WAY TO MAKE MY SOUL STRONGER!

SHE HAS THE COURAGE TO FIGHT HER FEAR!

GOOD!

THEN YOU AND SOUL COME TO MY OFFICE TOMORROW.

I SHOULD BE SAFE NOW, CROAK. DAMN WITCH...JUST TRY SOMETHING NOW, CROAK...
FROG!!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THIS FEELS GOOD...! I SURE COULD GET USED TO THIS!
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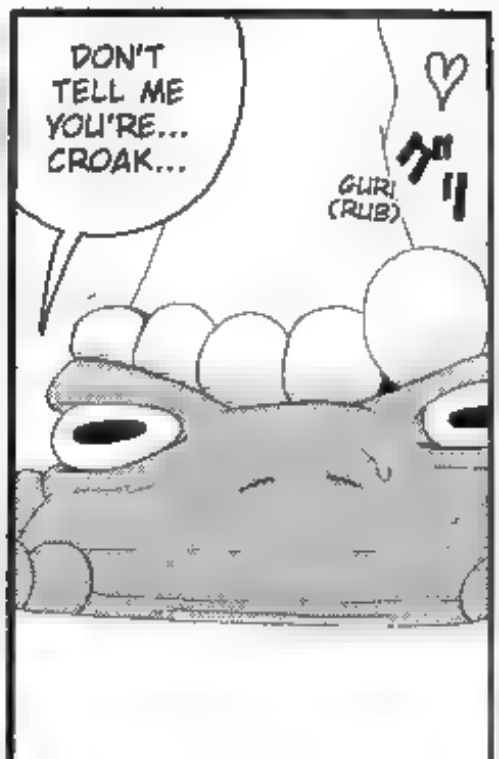
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.


DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE... CROAK...
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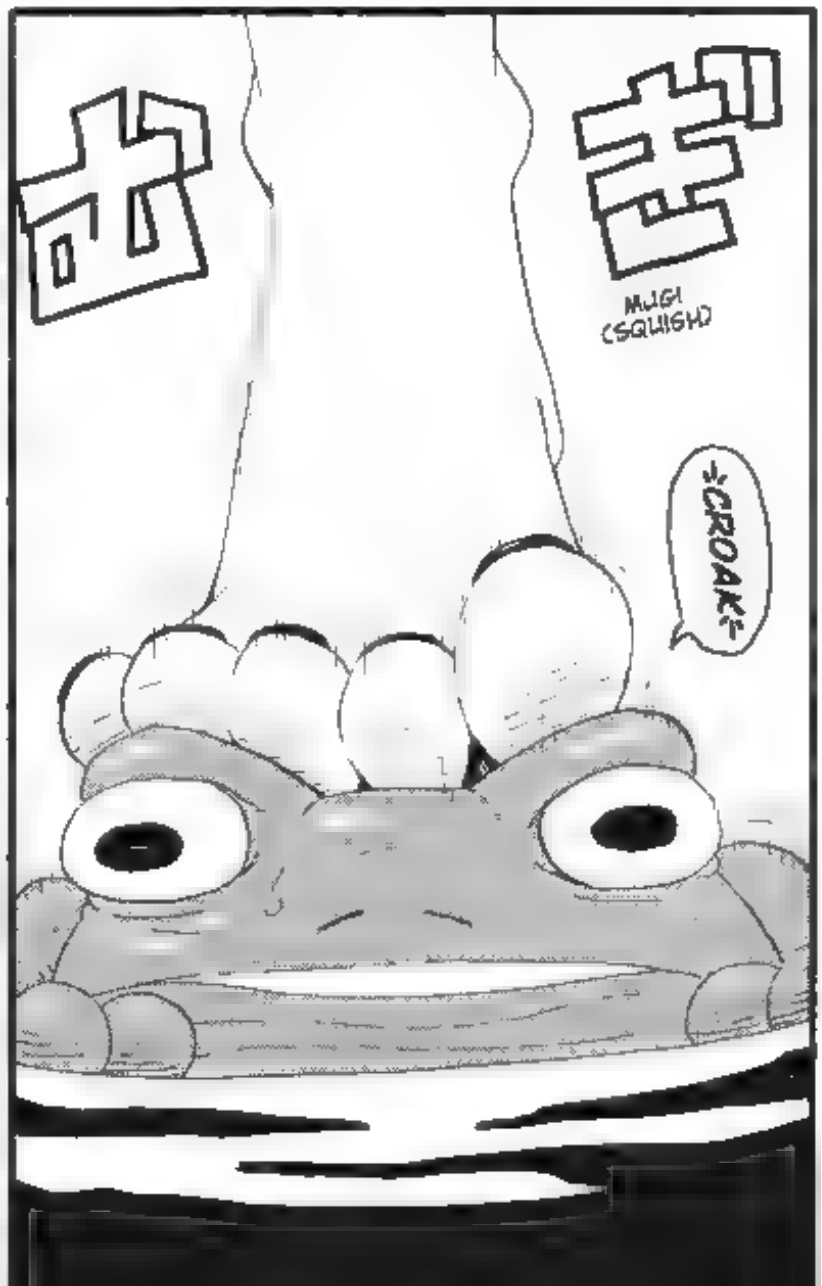
GURI (RUB)


MUGI (SQUISH)
CROAK~

GURI

GURI (RUB)

HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS, CROAK?

A KEY?

POTO (PLOP)

AT ANY RATE, I WANT YOU TO USE THAT KEY TO RELEASE A CERTAIN MAN.

YOU CAN'T RUN FROM ME.

THE SNAKE INSIDE OF YOU HAS BEEN SENDING ME A SIGNAL.

Y-YOU MEAN "THE MAN WITH THE DEMON EYE"!!?

GEKO (CROAK)

!!

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM... WITCH JAIL PRISONER NUMBER THIRTEEN.

THEN YOU CAN DIE RIGHT HERE!

GU (PRESS) GU

CROA... CROAK... ALL... ALL RIGHT ...

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IF I RELEASE HIM, I'LL BE THROWN OUT OF THE WITCH WORLD... NO...I'LL BE KILLED...

HE'S THE GUY WHO STOLE MABA-SAMA'S LEFT EYE!!

THIS DOESN'T FEEL GOOD. TURN BACK INTO A FROG.

Y—

...YOU WANT TO RELEASE THAT MAN FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT? YOU MUST BE NUTS!! YOU'RE CRAZY!!

PON (POOF)

Y-YES, MA'AM...

I WANT TO USE THAT MAN TO TEST SOMETHING ...

...AS PART OF MY RESEARCH ON SOUL EATER.

WITCH JAIL...

ONE PLUS TWO PLUS ...

... ONE PLUS TWO PLUS ...

SHUT UP, WILL YA...? NOT THIS AGAIN...

OOPS. HOW MANY TIMES. DID I MULTIPLY. JUST NOW?

... ONE PLUS TWO PLUS ...

... ONE PLUS TWO PLUS ...

YOU'RE ONLY ADDING. YOU HAVEN'T MULTIPLIED EVEN ONCE.

... ONE PLUS TWO PLUS ...

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... ONE PLUS TWO PLUS ...

OOPS. HOW MANY TIMES. DID I MULTIPLY. JUST NOW?

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WHA!!?

GAAAA!

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SHUT THE HELL UP...

THE MAN WITH THE DEMON EYE

I CAN'T SEE...

...I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING ...

...I WANNA SEE A GOOD COMEDY.

SOUL EATER 3 END

SOUL EATER

THE ONE WHO FIGHTS TO MAKE HER WEAPON STRONGER BY COLLECTING SOULS IS THE MEISTER...!! A MEISTER WANTING TO BECOME STRONGER TO PROTECT HER WEAPON IS A WEIRD WAY OF THINKING!!

SOUL

I'M SAYING THAT I'M PREPARED TO DIE FOR MY MEISTER!

A SERIOUS PROBLEM ARISES...

...IN MAKA AND SOUL'S...

HOT!!

YEAH!!

LET'S GO, SOUL!

!!?

JUUUU (SSSST)

...SOUL WAVELENGTHS...!!?

SO, SOUL EATER... HOW WILL THE BLACK BLOOD IN YOUR BODY RESPOND TO A BAD SITUATION LIKE THIS?

BECAUSE I'M IMMOR-TAL!!

NO FUTURE

BACHI

BACHI (CRACKLE)

WITHIN THE SOUL OF THE MAN WITH THE DEMON EYE DWELLS YET ANOTHER POWER!! AND WHAT HAPPENS TO SOUL WHEN HIS BLACK BLOOD STIRS...!?

GYAAAAAA!

FAAAAAAAALL!

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SIGN: DEATH OF THE TOWN

JAGI SHA SHA SHA SHA SHA!

LAUGHING DEMON JAGI!!

I'M SO BORED TODAY...

HMM ...

SAMURAI LARRY!!

WE'RE UGLY!!

?

LARRYYY!

LARRYYY!!

HN? WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT!?

ROGER. JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

JAGI SHA SHA SHA!

WE'LL NEVER GET GIRLS LOOKING LIKE THIS!! WE DON'T WANNA SPEND THE REST OF OUR LIVES AS VIRGINS!!

MY. FACE. IS TOO FLAT.

MY. FACE. IS TOO TALL.

JAGI-SHA!!

SHA-KIIIN!!

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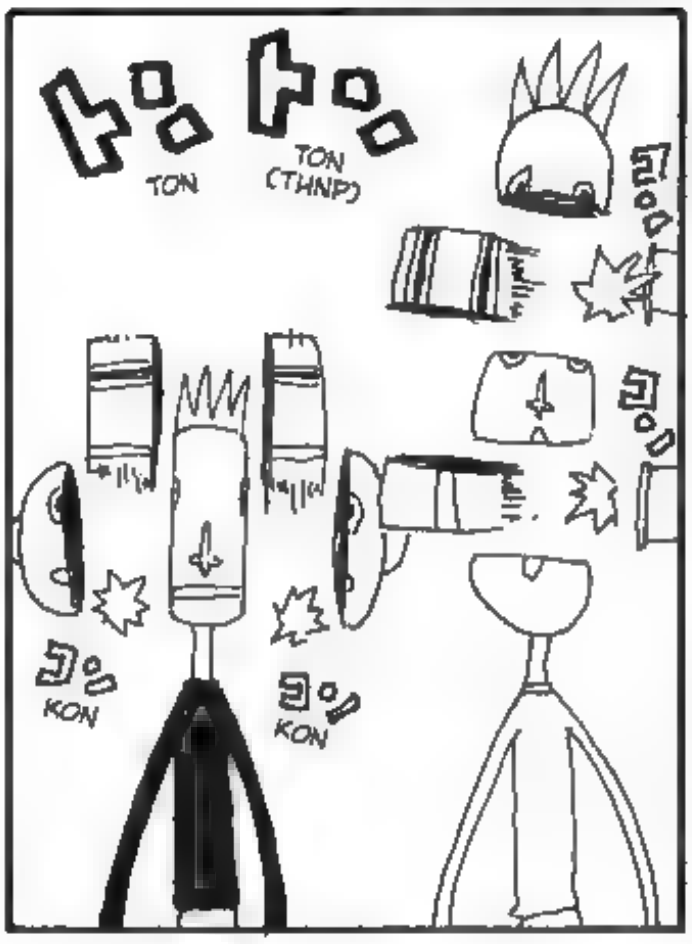

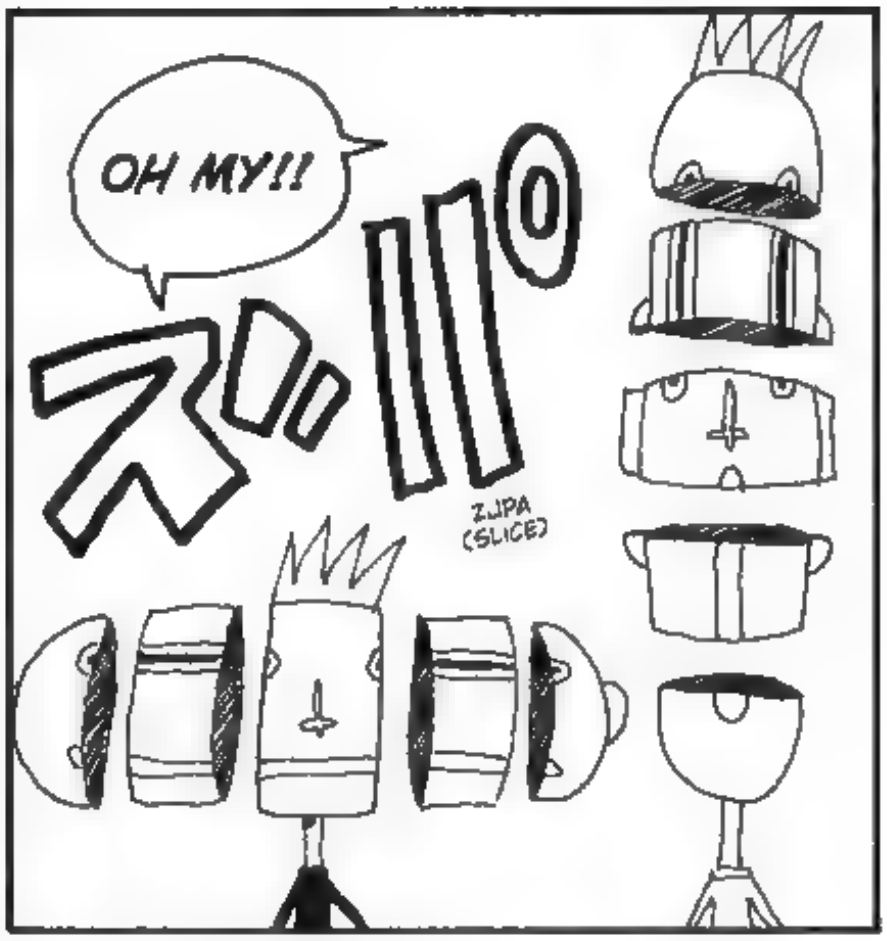

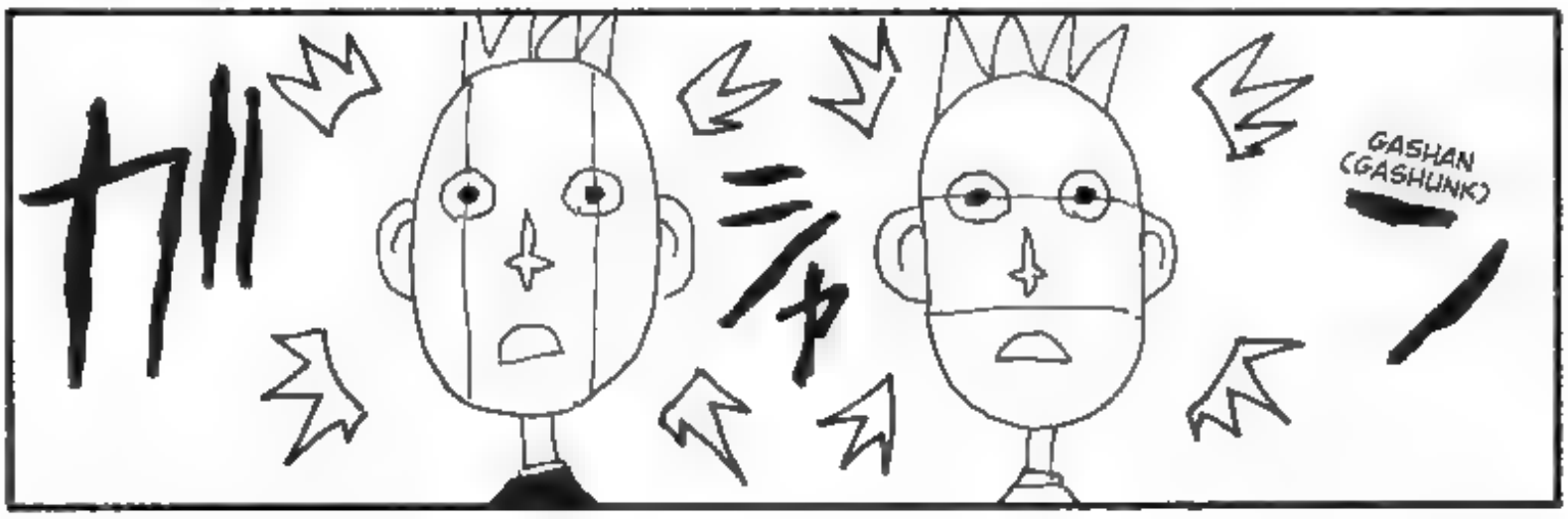

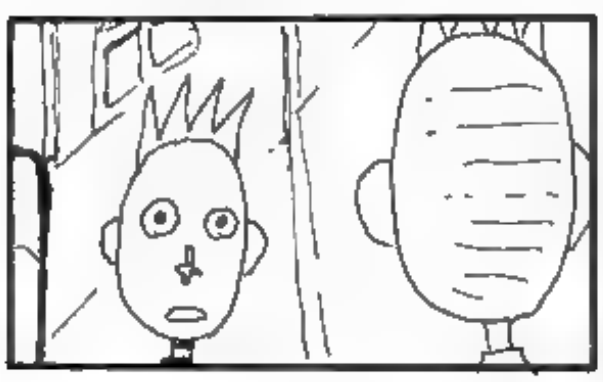

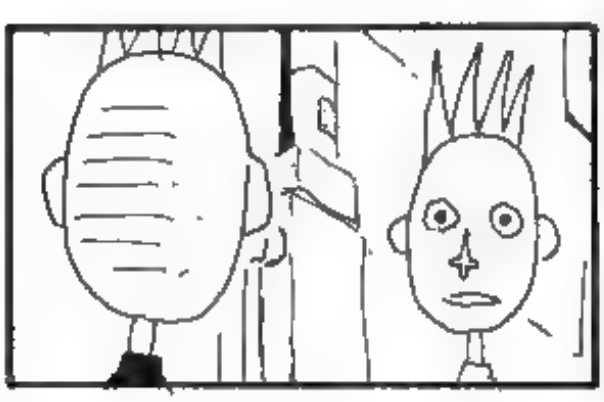

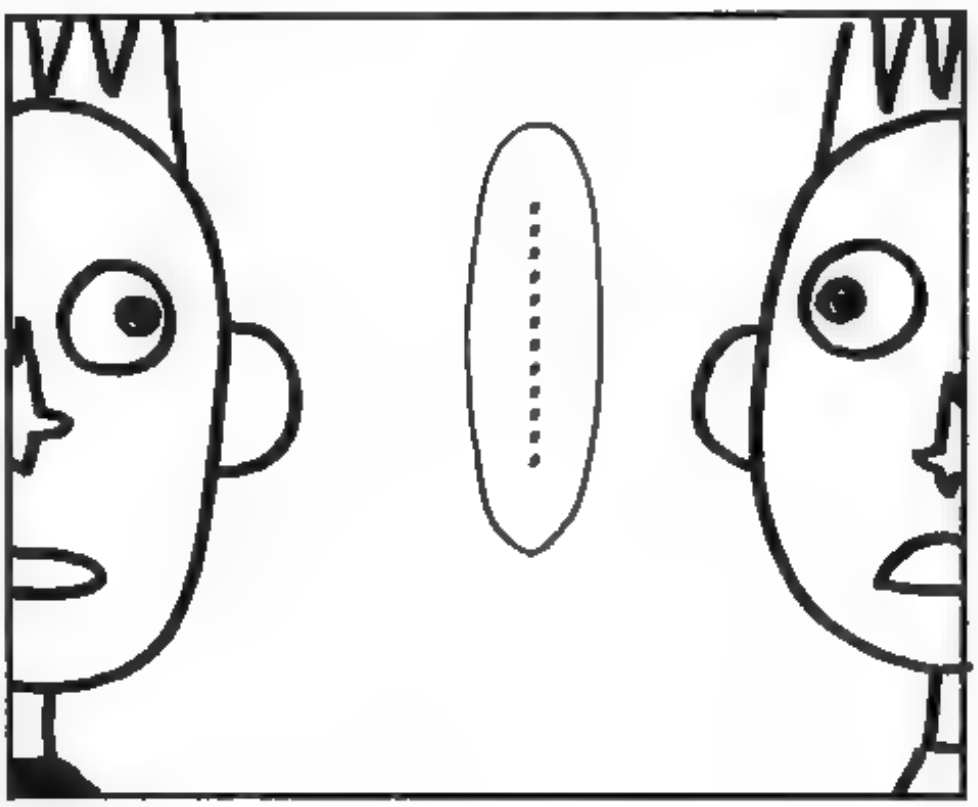

PIECE OF CAKE.

YAY! THANKS FOR MAKING US HANDSOME!! THANKS FOR BRINGING US BROTHERS TOGETHER!!

WAAAAH! WE WERE TWINS!

HAGU (HUG)

I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU, BIG BRO!!

ONE WEEK LATER ...

JAGI SHA SHA SHA!

THIS HAS TURNED INTO A RATHER "UNIQUE" CITY, IN A WAY!!

チャン CHAN チャン CHAN (CHANG)

HM-HMM

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM...?

DOON (DMM)

WHAT ATSUSHI-YA NEEDS IS MECHA!!

A GATHERING PLACE FOR PEOPLE WHO, WHEN ASKED, "ISN'T THIS MANGA GREAT?" ANSWER, "NOT REALLY."

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PO (PFF)

THIS IS ATSUSHI-YA...

SIGN: KAETTE KITA / ATSUSHI-YA

SHIIIN (SILENCE)

HN!?

PAKU (POP)

GASHAN (CRASH)

GAKON (KACHUNK)

SAY SOMETHING, YOU PIECE OF JUNK!!

GO ON, CATLABOR!! INTRODUCE YOURSELF!!

SFX: KOOO (ROAR)

WHAT!?

THIS IS BAD!!

TH-THIS IS BAD! IT'S NUCLEAR!! IT'S A NUCLEAR MISSILE!!

ROCKET: NUCLEAR

WHOA... SOME-THING CAME OUT!

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DON (DMM)

HOORAY! HOORAY!

I DID IT!! I AM THE STRONG-EST!!

HA HA HA.

HEH HEH HEH.

THE NUCLEAR ARMED MECHA, "CAT-LABOR."

THE THING FROM ANOTHER PLANET, "TONOGAI."

THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON, "PEST"!!

THE STRONGEST LIVING CREATURE ON EARTH, "YOU-SAN"!!

NOW ATSUSHI-YA HAS NOTHING TO FEAR!!

THOSE OF YOU WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS... WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN!!

THIS IS ATSUSHI-YA... A PLACE WHERE WE SNEAK THINLY VEILED REFERENCES TO SOCIAL ISSUES INTO MANGA...

EVEN WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE TIME'LL COME WHEN WE'LL GET BOMBED!!

SO IT'S BETTER TO HAVE THEM.

GAJI (CHEW)

GAJI

IF WE KEEP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AROUND, WE'LL GET BOMBED!

Translation Notes

Common Honorifics

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

Page 14
Charisma Justice is a television superhero character who appears in Atsushi Ohkubo's earlier series, *B. Ichi*, now available from Yen Press.

Page 61
"No mention of season" is noted after Masamune's haiku because it is traditional to include a "seasonal word" that indicates the season in which the poem takes place.

Page 94
The ***tsubaki*** or camellia flower is an evergreen shrub with large, beautiful flowers. After blooming all summer, the scentless *japonica* species falls off as a whole flower when the season is over.

Page 99
"Turning the tables on him"
The original Japanese proverb is "*Miira tori ga miira ni naru*," which literally means "the mummy thief becomes a mummy." A mummy thief goes looking for a mummy in a tomb, but gets lost, dies, and essentially becomes a mummy himself.

Page 136
Eruka's name is the word "*kaeru*" (Japanese for "frog") with the letters rearranged.

Mizune's name is the word "*nezumi*" (Japanese for "rat") spelled backward.

Page 182
Catlabor is a parody of *Patlabor*, the title of a manga and anime franchise featuring mecha called "Labors."

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